

Solano County District Attorney's Office

Newsletter

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PLEASE WELCOME NEW CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS



On behalf of the Solano County District Attorney's Office, please join us in welcoming our new Bureau of Investigations Chief Jim Barnes. Chief Barnes has devoted his career to public service. Prior to joining our office,

Chief Barnes had a long and successful law enforcement career at the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. Those who know Chief Barnes well have described him as an excellent motivational leader with a strong moral compass. Chief Barnes brings with him a wealth of knowledge, experience, and a tremendous ability to develop valuable working relationships with staff, county leaders, and most importantly members of our community. We look forward to Chief Barnes' continued leadership, teamwork, and strong work ethic as he leads the Bureau of Investigations in the new year.



Heritage Peak Charter School Students and Community Prosecutor Matt Olsen



KINDNESS CAMPAIGN HAS RETURNED FOR THE 6TH YEAR!



Calling all students in 7 - 12 grades to participate in this year's Kindness Campaign. Please submit your video that expresses what the power of kindness can accomplish on your school campus. Contest rules and submission information can be found online at: https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/da/kindness_campaign.asp. Questions regarding the contest should be directed to scdakindness@solanocounty.com.

PROSECUTOR FOR THE DAY

We had the privilege of hosting "Prosecutor for the Day" for a great group of high school students from Heritage Peak Charter School. It is always a highlight to share the good work we do at the District Attorney's Office. We loved how engaged all the students were throughout the day asking great questions of our prosecutors, investigators, victim witness advocates, and our crime lab team. We are thankful to all of our employees who took time out of their busy workday to explain the importance of our jobs.



4-WAY TEST GOOD CHARACTER AWARD



It was an honor to attend the Good Character Youth Awards held again at the Kroc Center on February 7, 2024. The twenty-five students that were recognized all exhibited great character by

demonstrating integrity, honesty, courage, and standing up for others in difficult situations. Rules to live by as a Rotarian- Is it the truth? Is it Fair? Will it build good will? And is it beneficial to all concerned? All the students exemplified these positive traits and were recognized for making a difference in the lives of those around them.



SOLANO COUNTY MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE UPDATE

With the partnership of our local law enforcement agencies, the Solano County Major Crimes Task Force (SMCTF) continues to independently investigate all officer involved shootings that occur in Solano County. Since the formation of the SCMCTF in November 2020, there has been a significant decrease in officer involved fatalities. We are fortunate to report that this last year Solano County did not have any officer involved fatalities. In addition to independently investigating officer involved shootings, the taskforce works collaboratively with our local law enforcement partners by assisting them in any major crimes investigations.



CHANGES IN THE LAW

2014 - Proposition 47, passed by the voters, reduced the penalties for possession of illegal drugs and theft of \$950 or less from felonies to misdemeanor.

2019- Senate Bill 1437 passed which provides for the re-sentencing of any eligible person convicted of murder under a felony murder theory. The District Attorney's Office has received over 150 petitions for resentencing and continues to argue against the release of these violent offenders.

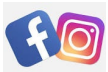
2024 - Proposed Public Safety Initiative titled, "Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act," would increase the penalties for those **repeat** offenders who possess illegal drugs or commit theft.

FIGHTING THE FENTANYL EPIDEMIC AND HOLDING DEALERS ACCOUNTABLE

We want to thank the Placer County District Attorney's Office and their local law enforcement partners for collaborating with our office and sharing best practices in fighting the fentanyl crisis. Placer County District Attorney's Office obtained the first murder conviction in the State involving the furnishing of fentanyl to a minor. Our office will continue to work with law enforcement, community leaders, and schools in our joint fight against fentanyl.



Placer County DA Morgan Gire announces first fentanyl murder conviction in California



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