



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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### **SYNOPSIS:**

Three people were cited during a protest outside the Otay Mesa Detention Center. Deputies from the Imperial Beach Sheriff's Station responded to the 7400 block of Calzada dela Fuente just before noon on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. 30 cars parked in front of the facility began honking their horns, shouting and recording video. The people contacted told deputies this was a noise protest for those infected with the coronavirus inside the federal facility.

Deputies were assisted by California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officers. The protest lasted 15 minutes. Deputies cited three people for unlawful use of horn [27001(b) VC], having no proof of insurance [16028(a)] and violating the public health stay home order [GC 8665/Executive Order N-33-20].

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department respects the public's right to free speech and to peacefully protest. However, with a global pandemic we urge you to follow the Governor's Executive and County Public health orders to protect the most vulnerable and save lives. At this most critical time, the importance of staying home other than for essential needs is necessary for everyone's safety.