



SAN DIEGO SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT (SAFE) TASK FORCE

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

March 28, 2018

Sexually Violent Predator's Placement Hearing Date – April 27, 2018

The hearing date for the proposed placement of Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Herman Smith will be held:

April 27, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Department 2102

San Diego Superior Court

1100 Union Street

San Diego, CA 92101

The Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney's Office and the SAFE Task Force are not responsible for the selection of the proposed site. The selection process and approval is the responsibility of the Department of State Hospitals and San Diego Superior Court.



On March 27, 2018 the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) proposed placement of Herman Smith at 42920 Desert Rose Ranch Road, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. Selection of the proposed placement location is the responsibility of DSH and the San Diego County Superior

Court. However, under Welfare & Institutions Code section 6609.1, the public is permitted to comment on the proposed location before it is finalized by the Court.

Jacumba Hot Springs, California is an unincorporated community in the southeastern area of San Diego County. Per the United States Census, the population of Jacumba Hot Springs, formerly known as Jacumba, was 561 in 2010 while the neighboring community of Boulevard had a population of 315 during the same time period. The property of interest is located within the San Diego Sheriff Department's jurisdiction, particularly the area patrolled by deputy sheriffs assigned to the Boulevard/Jacumba Sheriff's Office. This office is staffed by resident deputies who live and work in the area.

With the court hearing scheduled for April 27, 2018, the SAFE Task Force will be accepting public comments about the proposed placement to be included in the formal response to the court.

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You may submit your comments through any of the methods listed below. Public comment will be accepted between the dates of March 28, 2018 and April 11, 2018. These comments will be forwarded to DSH and to the Superior Court before the Hearing on this matter. Public comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

- Email: sdsafe@sdsheriff.org
- Telephone: (858) 495-3619
- Mail: SVP Release/SAFE Task Force
9425 Chesapeake Drive
San Diego, CA 92123

Further information about SVPs and an explanation of the legal requirements for their designation, treatment, and release from confined facilities, can be obtained at the San Diego County District Attorney's website <https://goo.gl/gMec1m> and at the Department of State Hospital's website <https://goo.gl/33NbTy>.

Information on the SAFE Task Force can be obtained at sdsafe.org.

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