

SAN DIEGO SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT (SAFE) TASK FORCE

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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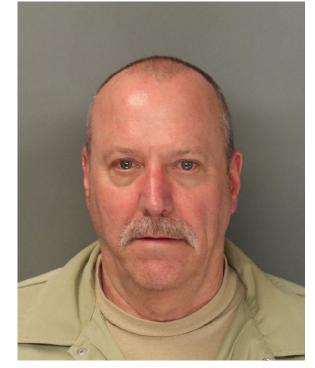
## Sexually Violent Predator's Placement Hearing Date February 3, 2020

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

February 3, 2020 9:00 a.m. Department 2202 San Diego Superior Court 1100 Union Street San Diego, CA 92101

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





On December 24, 2019 the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) proposed the placement of SVP Michael Poulsom at 45612 Old Highway 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. Poulsom was convicted in the 1990s of committing lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14. Selection of the proposed placement location is the sole 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. The area is patrolled by deputies assigned to the Boulevard / Jacumba Sheriff's Office. This facility is staffed by resident deputies who live and work in the area.

With the court hearing scheduled for February 3, 2020, 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 comments will be accepted between the dates of January 3, 2020 and January 17, 2020. These comments will be forwarded to DSH and to the Superior Court before the hearing on this matter. Public comments will also be accepted at the hearing.

- Email: sdsafe@sdsheriff.org

- Telephone: (858) 495-3619

– Mail: SVP Release / SAFE Task Force

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Further information about SVPs and an explanation of the legal requirements for their designation, treatment, and release from confined facilities, can be obtained via the San Diego County District Attorney's website at <a href="https://www.sdcda.org/preventing/sex-offenders/sex-offenders.php">https://www.sdcda.org/preventing/sex-offenders/sex-offenders.php</a> and also at the Department of State Hospital's website at <a href="https://www.dsh.ca.gov">https://www.dsh.ca.gov</a>.

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