

SAN DIEGO SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT (SAFE) TASK FORCE

## **NEWS RELEASE**

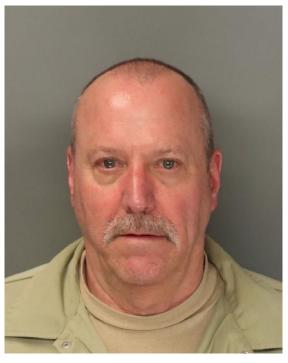
For Immediate Release March 23, 2020

## Sexually Violent Predator's Community Meeting Date March 24, 2020

There is a community meeting scheduled regarding the placement of Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Michael Poulsom on:

March 24, 2020 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Via telephone conference at the following numbers: (877) 369-5243 or (617) 668-3633. Passcode for both is: 0520889##

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 Court.



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 1990's 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.

Jacumba Hot Springs 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 County Sheriff's 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.

On March 13, 2020, San Diego County Superior Judge J. Bloom authorized the placement of Michael Poulsom to 45612 Old Highway 80 in Jacumba. Liberty Healthcare is a private company contracted by the California Department of State Hospitals to supervise conditionally released Sexually Violent Predators such as Poulsom. On March 13, 2020, Judge Bloom also ordered that personnel from Liberty Healthcare and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department facilitate a meeting with the community regarding the placement of Poulsom. The purpose of this meeting is to allow concerned citizens an opportunity to express concerns or ask questions to personnel from Liberty Healthcare and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Per Judge Bloom, concerned citizens will also be afforded the opportunity to view the house where Poulsom has been ordered to be placed. Personnel from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department will be facilitating a viewpoint from where citizens can view the house where Poulsom is being placed.

Due to current COVID-19 health concerns, this meeting will be conducted via a telephone conference. The date will be March 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. The telephone numbers to call are (877) 369-5243 or (617) 668-3633. The passcode for both is: 0520889##.

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 is the responsibility of the Department of State Hospitals and San Diego Superior Court.

– 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 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 https://www.sdsheriff.net/safe/index.html.