

SAN DIEGO SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT (SAFE) TASK FORCE

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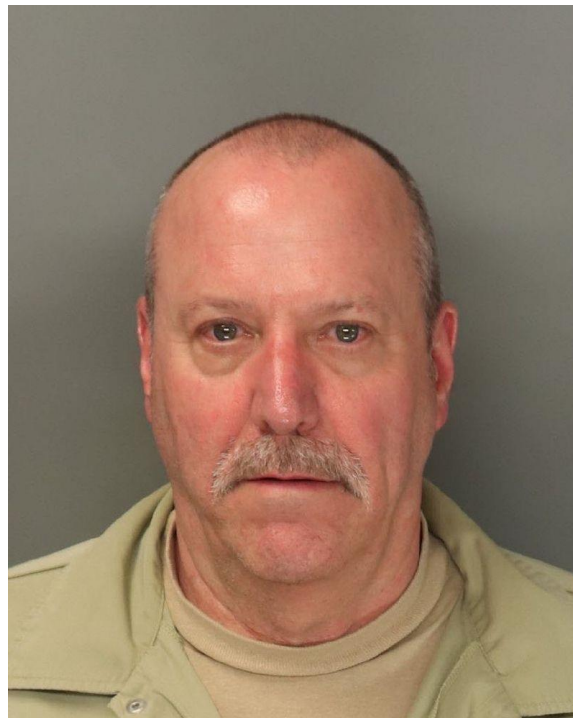
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Sexually Violent Predator's Placement Postponed

The placement of Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Michael Poulson has been postponed. Pursuant to California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-35-20, the Director of the Department of State Hospitals issued a directive to suspend the release of SVP patients for the next thirty days. A news release will be posted prior to Poulson's new release date.

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 Michael Poulson at 45612 Old Highway 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. Poulson 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. 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 County 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.

On March 21, 2020, California Governor Newsom issued executive order N-35-20. Pursuant to this order, the Director of the Department of State Hospitals issued a directive suspending the release of SVP patients for the next thirty days. The updated release information will be made public once a determination is made by the Department of State Hospitals.

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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 <https://www.sdcdca.org/preventing/sex-offenders/sex-offenders.php> and also at the Department of State Hospital's website at <https://www.dsh.ca.gov>.

Information on the SAFE Task Force can be obtained at <https://www.sdsheriff.net/safe/index.html>.