
SACRAMENTO COUNTY



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Scott R. Jones

Sheriff

July 23, 2019

Honorable [REDACTED]
Santa Clara Superior Court
191 N. First Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: PLACEMENT OF SVP DARIEL SHAZIER IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Dear Judge [REDACTED]:

On July 9, 2019, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office received a letter from the Department of State Hospitals (DSH), informing us of the conditional release/residential placement of Darriel Shazier, a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) into Sacramento County.

Mr. Shazier is not from our community, and our community should not be placed in unnecessary and unacceptable risk of sexual offenses by a Sexually Violent Predator. In 2017, the California Department of State Hospitals proposed locating Mr. Shazier in a community within Placer County. After strong opposition from the residents and community in Placer County, he was barred from relocating to Placer County.

The recent decision by the California Department of State Hospitals to propose locating Mr. Shazier in the Del Paso Heights community of Sacramento County without proper evaluation and analysis is impetuous and dangerous. Sacramento County and more specifically, the Del Paso Heights community deserve the same protection from the criminal justice systems as more affluent communities the courts have already deemed unsuitable locations to place a Sexually Violent Predator.

In response to the letter from DSH, we oppose the placement of Mr. Shazier into our community based on the investigation of our regional Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team. The SAFE team is a task force, comprised of nine local law enforcement agencies and the U.S Marshals Service. The SAFE team investigated the surrounding area of the proposed location and found it unsuitable for Mr. Shazier.

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The SAFE team is strongly opposed to placing Shazier in the city or county of Sacramento. As law enforcement officials, we are charged with the protection and safety of our citizens and community members of all economic backgrounds. The proposed location, [REDACTED], is a lower-income area where the community's reluctance to share information or report suspicious activity to law enforcement is common, further increasing the potential risk of victimization.

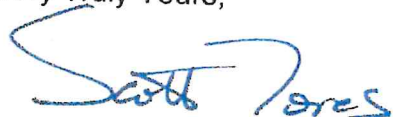
After a thorough review of the information provided by the SAFE team, the proposed location for placement in the City of Sacramento presents a substantial risk to children, our most vulnerable population. The area proposed is a residential family orientated community with a large percentage of young adults and children. Also, the proposed location is near church youth organizations, elementary schools, and high schools. Consequently, the proposed location is well-traveled by children walking and riding their bikes to and from these locations. Due to the nature of the criminal acts committed by Mr. Shazier and his legal status as a Sexually Violent Predator, a serious and well-founded risk of re-offending persists.

Mr. Shazier has no known ties to the City of Sacramento, or Sacramento County. There is no known family or support system in place, and although contracted agents, such as Liberty Health, have had success in the treatment and monitoring of Sexually Violent Predators in the past, we are not willing to put our community at risk. There is established precedence that offenders have a greater success rate of rehabilitation and treatment when placed in the jurisdiction where the offender resides or has resided, not in placing an offender in an alternate jurisdiction.

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office has completed a petition to the Superior Court of Santa Clara County that spells out in greater detail the opposition to the placement of Mr. Shazier. We fully concur with the District Attorney's findings.

Mr. Shazier neither committed nor was convicted of his sexual offenses in Sacramento County. Therefore, the burden of monitoring and ensuring compliance should not be placed on a jurisdiction that has no involvement in the commitment or conviction of said sexual offenses.

Very Truly Yours,



SCOTT R. JONES, SHERIFF