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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HELPS LOCAL CHILDREN

RIVERBANK, CA - The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department will again partner with local community leaders and businesses Thursday afternoon to help underprivileged children during the holiday season. As part of the annual "Shop with a Cop" program, which pairs a needy child with a sheriff's deputy in their patrol car for a shopping spree, personnel in Riverbank have a fun-filled day planned that will include a pizza party at the Riverbank Community Center. Santa Claus will also make his appearance to take pictures with children and pass out gifts.

Riverbank Police Services Chief Bill Pooley, working alongside with Deputy Jesus Sigala, have been seeking the assistance of businesses, private citizens, and other local law enforcement officers for the past month in order to find volunteers to help participate by sponsoring a child, serving pizza, or to shop with children at select participating stores. Children will each be given at least \$150 to spend on winter coats and their favorite toys.

The Riverbank Community Center is located at 3303 Stanislaus Street in Riverbank. Festivities are set to begin at 3 p.m. at the Riverbank Police Services substation. Members of the media are cordially invited to attend. We also wish to specially thank Home Depot in Riverbank for donating fully decorated Christmas trees, Kohl's and Coca Cola in Modesto for their generous contributions, as well as Round Table Pizza on Claribel Road for donating food for the party.

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