

## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## NEW SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE

MODESTO, CA- The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department is pleased to announce the launching of our new website. Effective today at about 9:30 a.m., members of our local community can now more easily access law enforcement services by going to <a href="http://www.scsdonline.com">http://www.scsdonline.com</a> (<a href="http://www.stanislaussheriff.com/">http://www.scsdonline.com</a> (<a href="http://www.stanislaussheriff.com/">http://www.stanislaussheriff.com/</a> ).

The system is designed to provide as much comprehensive information as possible for the general public. Victims of certain assorted property crimes can now also make online reports, check who is in custody, retrieve administrative forms and paperwork, and read all about the structure of the department.

Those living in the unincorporated area of Stanislaus County, or in the contract cities of Patterson, Hughson, Riverbank or Waterford, who fall victim to crimes such as destroyed or vandalized property, fraud or identity theft, harassing phone calls, lost property, or theft of property or a vehicle burglary, where losses do not exceed \$400, may be eligible to complete an online report. On-line reporting is not intended for crimes in-progress, or crimes in which the victim has credible suspect information. In either case, law enforcement will continue to respond, as is the current practice at the Sheriff's Department.

The new website and online reporting system have been made possible by the tireless efforts of members of the Records & Information Technology Division at the Sheriff's Department. We are asking the public offer as much feedback as possible in order to better enhance the site's capabilities. Further updates and improvements are pending and forthcoming. The added development of the website will continue in the coming months. We hope the public finds the site to be even more user-friendly than our former site.

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