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Sheriff Appoints New Public Information Officer

Modesto, CA - Sheriff Adam Christianson is pleased to announce the appointment of Sgt. Anthony Bejaran as the department's newest Public Information Officer (PIO). Sgt. Bejaran is a 16 year veteran of the Sheriff's Department. He's worked as a Community Deputy, Detective, Juvenile Services Deputy, STING Team Supervisor and Patrol Supervisor. Sgt. Bejaran supervises several investigative teams such as Rural Crimes, Property Crimes and Family Crimes.

The Sheriff's Department has suffered drastic budget cuts and the loss of over 125 positions. Several deputies, Tom Letras, Raj Singh, Andrew Winter, and Luke Schwartz have all served as PIO but staffing levels and other staffing priorities left the department without a full time PIO. "Our relationship with the media is critically important to our success", said Sheriff Adam Christianson. "We need to maintain a good working relationship and Sgt. Bejaran will be a great addition to the team". The deputies who have previously served as PIO will still be utilized in the event Sgt. Bejaran is unavailable and the department's Watch Commanders will also be available to assist the media.

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