



SAN DIEGO SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT (SAFE) TASK FORCE

## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

November 13, 2019

# Sexually Violent Predator's Placement Hearing Date - December 19, 2019

The hearing date for the proposed placement of Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Thomas Cornwell will be held:

**December 19, 2019  
9:00 a.m.  
Department 2001  
San Diego Superior Court  
1100 Union Street  
San Diego, CA 92101**

**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 November 12, 2019, the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) proposed placement of SVP Thomas Cornwell at 2135 McCain Valley Road, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. 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 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.

With the court hearing scheduled for December 19, 2019, the SAFE Task Force will be accepting public comments about the proposed placement to be included in the formal response to the Court.

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You may submit your comments through any of the methods listed below. Public comment will be accepted between the dates of November 13, 2019, and November 27, 2019. These comments will be forwarded to DSH and to the Superior Court before the hearing on this matter. Public comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

- Email: [sdsafe@sdsheriff.org](mailto:sdsafe@sdsheriff.org)
- Telephone: (858) 495-3619
- Mail: SVP Release/SAFE Task Force  
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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 at the San Diego County District Attorney's website (<http://www.sdcdca.org/>) and also at the Department of State Hospital's website (<https://www.dsh.ca.gov/>).

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

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