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High Risk Sex Offender relocation to Yuba County denied by Solano Judge

Yuba County Sheriff-Coroner Steven L. Durfor traveled to Fairfield in Solano County today with other Yuba County Officials including District Attorney Patrick McGrath, Deputy DA Melanie Bendorf, and Supervisors Randy Fletcher and Roger Abe, to represent the county in a court hearing at Solano County Superior Court; to determine if a deemed High Risk sex offender would be allowed to be placed in housing located on Ellis Rd, north of the city of Marysville in Yuba County. In a press release on June 28, 2016; Sheriff Durfor announced the state's proposal to house 52 year old sex offender Fraisure Earl Smith in Yuba County following his release from Coalinga State Hospital to Solano County, where Smith is currently registered as transient and supervised by the contracted organization "Liberty Health" who oversees Smith's treatment and living arrangements. Attempts to find Smith suitable housing have failed elsewhere, most recently in Butte County, before the placement proposal in Yuba County. Sheriff Durfor and District Attorney McGrath adamantly opposed the placement. After the Sheriff's department made public notification to the citizens of Yuba County, they received hundreds of contacts from the community in the form of petition signatures, letters, emails, phone calls and town hall attendance, which were part of the objection submitted to the court on behalf of the County. A Solano County Judge ruled today that **Yuba County would be removed from consideration of a housing location** for Smith; and directed DSH to continue to seek appropriate housing for Smith in Solano County, and to continue his monitoring and supervision by "Liberty Health".