



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Resolution Opposing the Release of a Sexually Violent Predator in South Placer

Date: August 22, 2023

Submitted By: Rustin Banks, Chief of Police

Department: Police

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Opposing the Release of a Sexually Violent Predator into the Incorporated Areas of South Placer County.

Background:

On July 17, 2023, a Placer County Superior Court Judge granted a petition allowing William Robert Stephenson (Stephenson) to be released with "Transient Status." This means Stephenson would be released in Placer County to a trailer or recreational vehicle to a location in Placer County that has yet to be determined but without a designated address. Stephenson has previously been convicted of multiple sexually violent crimes and has been determined to be a sexually violent predator per California law and the Department of State Hospitals. Stephenson was released in 2014 into Roseville and three years later he violated the terms of his conditional release.

Rocklin, Roseville, and Lincoln represent approximately 67% of the population of Placer County in only 6% of the total area land of the County. The three cities are the most densely populated area of the County; minors make up approximately 25% of the total population.

The City of Rocklin is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of its residents, and Stephenson's release into an unspecified area of South Placer is inappropriate. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution (Attachment 1) which opposes the release of Stephenson into the incorporated areas of South Placer, and authorizes staff to submit a letter to all appropriate parties for this release. The cities of Roseville and Lincoln have also presented similar resolutions to their City Councils.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Exhibit A to Resolution - Opposition Letter](#)