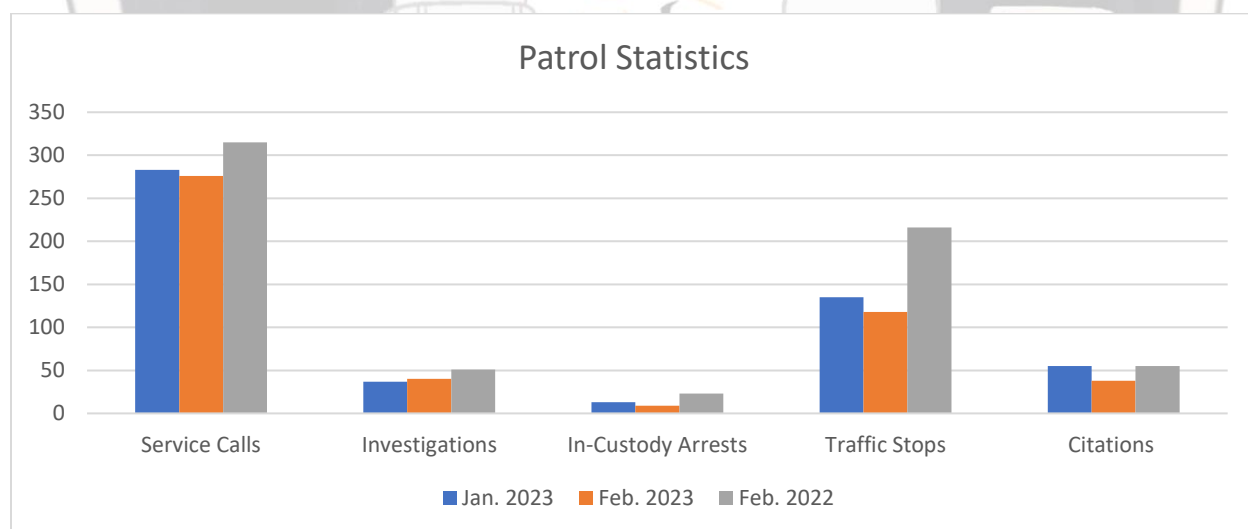# Colusa Police Department

Monthly Report for February 2023

Monthly Activities

- City Council Meetings
- Conducted CCW permit interviews.
- Completed SB2 database training.
- Assisted Colusa High School seniors with their senior projects.
- Held swearing in ceremony for Officer Steve Xiong

Monthly Statistics

Patrol Statistics — bar chart comparing Jan. 2023, Feb. 2023, and Feb. 2022 across Service Calls, Investigations, In-Custody Arrests, Traffic Stops, and Citations.

- There were 276 calls for service for patrol officers with 15 agency assists. The call volume was somewhat decreased from the month of January which was 283. Although we are early in the new year, the call volume for the year is 17.5% lower so far as compared to 2022. One of the contributing factors associated with a lower call volume can be attributed to the proactivity of the patrol officers.

- During February 2023, there were 9 in-custody arrests. There were no citations issued in lieu of subjects being booked in jail. There were 2 domestic violence related arrests made in February. There were no DUI related arrests made. There were 30 reports initiated.

- During the month of February, officers initiated 118 traffic enforcement stops. There were 38 citations issued. Several of the citations issued were for cell phone use while driving and vehicle registration violations. There were no reportable traffic collisions.

- The Police Services Manager handled 72 calls for service during the month of February. These calls for service don't include telephone calls handled by the Police Services Manager. Additionally, she continues to handle a significant number of CCW applications. DOJ clearances for CCW applicants continues to experience some delays. *Note: The Police Services Technician's calls for service are separate from patrol officers' calls for service.*

Items of Interest

- On 2/17/23 at approximately 2139 hours, a Colusa PD unit noticed a white BMW sedan driving on Market Street with the high beams activated with on-coming traffic in the immediate vicinity which is a violation of section 24409(a) of the vehicle code. The CPD unit initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle turned into Jackpot and stopped near the gas pumps. The driver provided a name which was later discovered to be false. The passenger provided their identification. As the unit was checking records with dispatch, the car sped away. The CPD unit pursued the vehicle. The suspect vehicle drove at a high rate of speed thru the alley north of Market Street, south of Main Street. The officer noted that he could see the vehicle airborne and sparks coming from the rear as it would make traction with the ground. After the brief pursuit, the vehicle crashed in the area of 3rd and Main which did indeed result in the power outage. The driver fled but was apprehended a short distance away from the scene of the collision. He was identified as 57-year-old Kevin Lewis Morgan of Modesto. It was discovered that Morgan had an outstanding arrest warrant for burglary out of Mariposa County with a bail of 650k. The passenger, Jodi Lynn Northcutt, was cooperative with law enforcement. Northcutt attempted to stop Morgan from fleeing but was unsuccessful. Morgan was arrested for the following violations: 24409(a) VC-Failure to dim high beams, 529(a) PC-False impersonation of another, 2800.2(a) VC-Evade an officer with wanton disregard, 236 PC-False imprisonment, 148(a)(1) PC-Resisting an officer, 14601.1(a) VC-Driving on a suspended license, 11364(a) H&S-Possession of a meth pipe, and 11377(a) H&S-Possession of meth. He was also booked for the outstanding arrest warrant.

- 'School patrol' during the morning drop off and afternoon pick-up continues to see some challenges. A reminder to parents of Burchfield students who utilize the main parking lot located on Fremont Street, left turns are not permitted on to Fremont Street from the parking lot. This is one of the primary causes of congestion on Fremont Street. To those clever parents who make a right turn into the same parking lot from westbound Fremont Street, other motorists appreciate you for assisting in the flow of traffic. The same can be said for those utilizing the parking lot at Egling School. Those making left turns into both parking lots, while this turning movement is permitted, it does contribute to the back up of traffic on both Fremont Street and Webster Street. ***Vehicles are not permitted to drop off/pick up students while stopped in a public roadway. It is unsafe and illegal (22500(g) VC).*** This is an issue at all school campuses. It's important to have ample time to drop off children. With the winter weather upon us, the weather will present additional challenges to safely dropping off students. Please use caution while the weather is foggy and/or raining.

- ***A very special thank you to Egling School's parent volunteer Crossing Guard, Mel Pina. Mel continues to jump into action and help with children crossing at the busy intersection of Webster Street and 8th Street. Not only does she help students cross the road safely but also starts their*

*morning off right with a friendly 'hello'. Her time and efforts are greatly appreciated!! The results of her efforts are definitely noticeable.***

- The Colusa Police Department and Colusa County District Attorney's Office continue to investigate the murder of Giovanny Alcaraz. Alcaraz was murdered on 3/26/2020 on Wescott Road in front of the Colusa Garden Apartments. The shooting that ultimately claimed the life of Alcaraz occurred in the late afternoon, in broad daylight. The United States Marshal Service is attempting to locate the suspect, Christian Suarez. Suarez is 5-09 in height, 120 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He is from the Arbuckle area. An arrest warrant has been issued for Suarez who is pictured below.

  The integrity of Alcaraz's murder investigation is paramount. It is for this reason that specific details surrounding the events that led up to and the murder itself aren't made public. The Colusa Police Department will not engage nor comment on speculation put forth on social media. If anyone has any information related to the location of Suarez and/or the murder of Giovanny Alcaraz, please contact the Colusa Police Department.