

Honoring

**Sergeant James DeSoto**  
**Ventura County Sheriff's Office**  
**30.3 Years of Public Service**

*Whereas, James DeSoto began his career with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office on November 7, 1993, as a Deputy Sheriff Trainee when he started the Ventura County Sheriff's Academy with Class 93-1. James graduated on April 17, 1994. Upon his promotion to Deputy Sheriff, James worked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility; and*

*Whereas, in April of 1995, James continued his law enforcement career when he was transferred to the Headquarters' Station where he was recognized for his diligence and hard work. James received the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award for his continuous effort to keep the roadways safe from impaired drivers and he was recognized for being the first deputy in the county to make a LoJack arrest. James was acknowledged for the number of arrests he made and was viewed as one of the top deputies at the patrol station; and*

*Whereas, in June of 1999, James was transferred to the Camarillo Station, where he became a Field Training Officer and continued to excel as a member of the Sheriff's Office. James trained many deputies and became a member of the Crisis Intervention Team; and*

*Whereas, in September of 1999, James transferred and worked as a member of the Crime Suppression Unit. James excelled in this assignment and received commendations for his assistance in a murder investigation, for his participation in making a law enforcement video that was shared and used by other agencies and he received a Special Meritorious Congressional Resolution; and*

*Whereas, in June of 2002, James was promoted to the rank of Senior Deputy and worked as a supervisor at the Todd Road Jail where he focused on preparing deputies for the patrol environment. James obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Laverne in Organizational Management; and*

*Whereas, in January of 2006, James transferred to the Thousand Oaks Patrol Station where he briefly worked before becoming a Property Crimes Detective for the City of Ojai in May 2006. After two years as detective, in February 2008, James became a Crime Prevention Officer for the City of Thousand Oaks where he worked with the Planning Commission, School Officials, many HOA groups and wrote a City Watch Newsletter. James oversaw the Thousand Oaks DART Team, the Volunteers in Policing Programs, coordinated the National Night Out event and taught the Parent Project class; and*

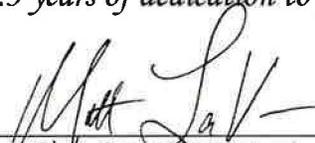
*Whereas, in April of 2012, James was reassigned to Sheriff's Civil/Warrant Unit where he led the unit in arrests. In April of 2017, James returned to the Camarillo Police Department and again was a Field Training Officer. James was asked to return to the Civil Unit and in March 2018, James became the Sheriff's Fugitive Detective where he brought back many fugitives from throughout the country; and*

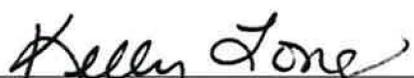
*Whereas, in November of 2020, James promoted to the rank of sergeant and returned to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility where he finished his successful career. Throughout his career, James mentored, trained many deputies, and helped prepare them for a successful career in law enforcement. James lived his career by setting the example of what to do; and*

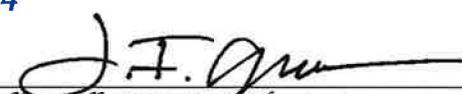
*Whereas, James, a long-time resident of Ventura County, a devoted husband and father is looking forward to the next chapter in his life by serving God and spending his time with his beloved family.*

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Sergeant James DeSoto for his 30.3 years of dedication to public service to the citizens of Ventura County, and wish him happiness, and good health in the years ahead.

**Presented on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024**

  
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