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## Media Release: November 15, 2021 Violent Sexual Predator Placed in our County

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, during a residential placement hearing, Judge Cogliati opted to allow Michael Cheek to reside in a remote home in Bonny Doon. Sheriff Hart wishes to share the following thoughts with the community.

“I am very disappointed in the decision that was handed down today by Judge Cogliati allowing Michael Cheek, a convicted violent sexual predator, to live in a home in Bonny Doon. This location is in a remote region of our county where response times are delayed, and cellular service is poor. Cheek’s only connection to our county is that he committed a vicious sexual assault in Santa Cruz. He has never lived here, nor does he have any other community ties. I, along with many community members, are outraged by this decision. This is causing fear among our residents and a lack of confidence in our local judicial system. The Sheriff’s Office will do everything we can to keep the Bonny Doon community safe from this predator.”

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