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San Bernardino Probation Awarded Grant to Supervise High Risk DUI Offenders

The San Bernardino County Probation Department received funds for an intensive probation supervision program for high-risk DUI offenders with multiple DUI convictions.

The \$645,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), approved by the Board of Supervisors, will go toward additional proactive home contacts with probationers to make sure they are following court-ordered terms of their probation and prevent probationers from re-offending.

“Our monitoring program supports probationers to stay on track with treatment and other court-ordered measures,” Chief Probation Officer Tracy Reece said. “The goal is that with additional supervision and treatment options, it will reduce the number of probationers who are re-arrested for DUI offenses.”

The probation grant will also pay for warrant operations targeting probation violations and/or DUI suspects who do not appear in court, alcohol testing, treatment compliance, DMV restrictions, and special weekend, evening and holiday operations to enforce terms of probation.

“Monitoring programs are critical to reducing the devastating consequences of DUI offenses,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “Prevention is an effective, proactive tool to address the often-tragic consequences of impaired driving.”

The grant program runs through September 2024.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.