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## MONROE DETENTION

(530) 668-5245 CORRECTIONS COURT SERVICES FOOD SERVICES RECORDS TRANSPORTATION The Yolo County Sheriff's Office extends its condolences to the families affected by this heartbreaking tragedy. We know the family and our community have questions about the fire and explosion. Our Office wants answers as well and will continue to cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

The property where the explosion occurred is owned by a Yolo County Sheriff Lieutenant and non-sworn Yolo County Sheriff's Office administrative employee who is also his wife. Neither have returned to duty since the incident and were placed on administrative leave on July 10. We want to emphasize that this decision is not an indication of wrongdoing. However, it ensures our community a fair and impartial outcome as the investigation proceeds.

CAL FIRE immediately took the lead in the investigation with support from the Yolo County District Attorney's Office. The California Highway Patrol was brought in to secure the scene. In the immediate aftermath of the incident, our top priority was to help keep people a safe distance away from a volatile scene. This effort took a lot of resources and time, given that we all had to make certain there were no additional unexploded fireworks that could have harmed first responders.

The State Fire Marshal has completed its evidence collection at the explosion site and returned the property to Yolo County. The County has since secured the site by installing fencing and hiring private security to prevent unauthorized access. The Yolo County Sheriff's Office has continued to provide support to the agencies involved as requested. The Sheriff's Office, which oversees the Coroner's Division, identified the victims' remains and conducted autopsies. CAL FIRE and ATF requested assistance from the Sheriff's Office in writing and executing search warrants for the investigation. That support is now concluded. The Yolo County Sheriff's Office remains committed to fully cooperating with and supporting all agencies involved in this investigation. Our department remains committed to transparency and accountability. I want to thank our community for their patience as we ensure a responsible and thorough investigation.