

# More State Prisoners Released to Ventura County

**With their heads in the sand, county officials continue to disregard impact on public safety.**



*How long can the Ventura County Board of Supervisors hide from the growing threat to public safety?*

In the first two years of Governor Brown's so-called State Prisoner Realignment Program, nearly 800 "Post Release Offenders" or "PROs" were released from state prison sentences to Ventura County custody and monitoring. Those 800 state inmates all hold a greater potential for future violent offenses, and the additional cases are added on top of an already over-burdened County Probation Agency caseload.

## **What is the impact on public safety in our neighborhoods?**

- Since the inception of the Realignment Program through October of last year, there were 1,390 arrests of PROs in Ventura County, including offenses involving weapons, violence, drugs and theft cases.
- The City of Camarillo reports a 20% increase in violent crime.
- The City of Moorpark saw a 26% increase in property crime.
- Crime rates in Ventura and Oxnard have seen a continuation of their increase in crime rates.

**County officials should stop pretending that nothing has changed and focus on the challenges facing our Probation Agency.**

County officials continue to ignore the expanding gap between the jobs our probation officers were hired to do, and the much more challenging job that often involves physical altercations with the people we monitor.

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The Ventura County Professional Peace Officers Association—VCPPOA—represents nearly 300 of Ventura County's deputy probation officers, corrections services officers, park rangers, harbor patrol officers and airport operations officers.

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