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**DEPUTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER DURAN-CONN TO RETIRE
AFTER 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE**



One of the first deputy probation officers in Santa Barbara County responsible for supervising gang members and high risk offenders is retiring after thirty years of outstanding service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County. Georgina Duran-Conn will be honored by the County Board of Supervisors with a Resolution of Commendation at the Board of Supervisor's Meeting on April 1, 2008.

Upon graduating from California State University, Chico with a degree in Social Welfare, Ms. Duran-Conn entered public service at the Probation Department in 1978 where she worked in both the juvenile and adult divisions, which included the supervision of offenders and court investigations. In 1989 Ms. Duran-Conn was assigned to the Santa Maria Adult Intensive Supervision Unit. Working with pioneers of Intensive Field Supervision, Ms. Duran-Conn was one of the first officers responsible for the supervision of a gang caseload. She promoted through the ranks and in 2002 was promoted to Deputy Chief Probation Officer of the Adult Services Division.

Among her accomplishments was the coordination of Santa Barbara County's Therapeutic Courts; a system which encompasses specialty courts such as Proposition 36, Substance Abuse Treatment Court, Domestic Violence, and the Mentally Ill Offender program. Ms. Duran-Conn has garnered the respect of and been the subject of many letters of support and commendation from numerous law enforcement agencies. She also received the Santa Barbara County's Chief Probation Officer's award for Excellence in 1998.

Ms. Duran-Conn will now focus on planning travel adventures and devoting time to her family, which includes her husband and fellow retiree, Senior Deputy Probation Officer Scott Conn; her son Nicholas and grandchildren Nicky, Jayce and Scotty.