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COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER APPOINTS NEW DEPUTY CHIEF

The Santa Barbara County Probation Department is pleased to announce that effective July 14, 2008 Karen Wheeler was promoted to Deputy Chief Probation Officer of the Adult Services Division.

Deputy Chief Wheeler has served the Probation Department for over 24 years and has a wealth of knowledge and extensive experience from her assignments in Juvenile and Adult Services and in Juvenile Institutions. She was promoted to manage the department's Personnel and Training Unit in 2002 and subsequently transferred to her most recent assignment as the Manager of the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall. In that role she was co-facilitator of the Alternative Detention Program (ADP) and leader of the south county ADP pilot program. She also served as project leader on the team which prepared for and implemented the seamless transition of the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall to a Special Purpose Juvenile Hall/Booking Facility. The Department has every confidence in Deputy Chief Wheeler's ability to lead the Adult Services Division, creatively address new challenges on the horizon, and to be a positive addition to the executive team of the Probation Department.

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