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**#DefundThePolice**

A [@MCoSheriff](#) Sgt. Mike Richards asks newly elected Sheriff Mike Kanalakis for permission to fraternize with a convicted drug trafficker. #Sheriff Kanalakis gave it to him.

# MEMORANDUM

County of Monterey  
Office of the Sheriff

Date: June 30, 2003 *AK*



To: Sheriff Kanalakakis, via Chain of Command

From: Sergeant Mike Richards

Subject: Policy Manual Section 206.38

Sheriff,

As you are aware, I am an acquaintance of a subject by the name of David Drew. I have known him for over 25 years. During the late 80's and early 90's, he was engaged in criminal enterprise. During this period of time and for many years afterward, I have had little or no contact with him. My prior friendship with him was disclosed during my background process for this Office in 1989. Since his incarceration, he has endeavored to become a productive member of society. He currently operates a produce trucking business that he has built legitimately. He is actively engaged in the community as well as being involved in many charitable projects and organizations. I know for a fact that he is remorseful for his past indiscretions and has put his past behind him. I believe he is a true exception to the rule and has genuinely rehabilitated and turned his life around.

In reading Monterey County Sheriff's Office manual section 206.38 regarding fraternization, it does not seem to apply to this situation involving a longtime friendship, however, erring on the side of caution, I am writing this memorandum to you to advise you of this potentially conflicting relationship and request your exception to this policy.

Monterey County Sheriff's Office manual section 206.38 G, states:

*"The Sheriff may make an exception to these rules in the event of the arrest, incarceration, and/or prosecution of a close personal friend, family member or business associate of a deputy."*

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

*Approved 7/8/03*  
*Mike Kanalakakis*  
*Sheriff*

It was scandalous and partly caused Mike Kanalakakis' loss to Scott Miller in 2010.

Fmr. @SalinasPD cop Joe

November 30, 2010

To: The Honorable Kay R. Kingsley, Judge of the Superior Court  
Monterey County, California

I am a retired Salinas police detective who has served over 42 years with the police force here (1969- present). During my years as a police officer, I worked narcotics, homicide, and major crimes for over 26 years. I am currently a Reserve Officer for SPD and a Background Investigator for the City of Salinas and do extensive backgrounds on people applying for positions as police officers, clerks, firemen, etc.

To the best of my recollection, I have known David Drew for about twenty years. I knew of him during the time of his arrest and am aware of the details of his arrest for drug sales. I am aware of the prison sentences served by Mr. Drew for narcotics sales and his past history. I also know that he did not resist the officers when arrested. He was a non-violent criminal and has never held any grudge against the officers who arrested him or those that prosecuted his case.

In my opinion as a police officer, homicide and narcotics detective and resident of Salinas, David Drew has dedicated himself to a clean lifestyle and has completely rehabilitated himself. He runs an honest business and is working on ways to bring other businesses to Salinas, planning and chairing meetings about an innovative project for our town. I have seen and met with him on a number of occasions during the past years and have seen nothing but a hard working, family centered man who has earned the trust of his family and my family. My wife and my 20 year old daughter have worked with David on several special events and have found him to be thoughtful, professional and completely trustworthy and responsible.

Mr. Drew is working with a group to open a facility that would ease produce traffic issues while reducing fuel bills and the number of trucks on our roads. This is his idea and he has been planning this for some time. This would also bring jobs to Salinas. He is supportive of local youth and always willing to lend a hand or donate money to a good cause. His wife and children are highly regarded in our community and in my opinion there is little likelihood that he would ever return to his past lifestyle.

Mr. Drew works with FFA at Salinas High School, Notre Dame High School sports, Sun Street Center programs for rehabilitation and he sponsors the California International Air Show, donating money to local charities. He has my support in this endeavor and is to be commended for his successful rehabilitation.

Sincerely,



Joseph Gunter [redacted] cell  
820 Park Row, Suite 497, Salinas, CA 93901

\* 2010

Gunter was on board. So was two term sheriff Mike Kanalakis and soon to be fired Commander Mike Richards of the @MCoSheriff Department.

As was Supervisor John Phillips (a former DA and Judge) along with another @SalinasPD copper Gary "the grey fox" Edwards.

#Salinas



Gary Edwards  
820 Park Row #544  
Salinas, CA 93901

December 2, 2010

Honorable Kay T. Kingsley  
Judge of the Superior Court

Dear Judge Kingsley,

My name is Gary Edwards. I am a retired police officer. I was a police officer for 30 years with the City of Salinas. I spent my last 23 years as a detective.

I have known David Drew for over 30 years. While working as a detective I arrested Mr. Drew for possession of narcotics. He received felony probation. A few months later, I again arrested Mr. Drew for probation violation and possession of narcotics. Mr. Drew was sentenced to state prison.

After Mr. Drew was released from state prison, I had several long conversations with Mr. Drew about life. He always told me he had learned his lessons, and wanted to make something of his life.

Mr. Drew has always shown me respect and has been truthful and honest with me. Mr. Drew has an even-mannered nature, is a hard worker, has high morals, and has family loyalty and support.

Mr. Drew has become an excellent businessman, well respected, and has given back to the community.

Mr. Drew has worked with Rancho Cielo with the youths and many other charitable organizations.

I have helped Mr. Drew with providing him backstage security for several of his concerts, and he always acted very professional.

I feel Mr. Drew has rehabilitated himself and is unlikely to re-offend.

*Gary Edwards*

Gary Edwards



But this #Pardon was not at all straight forward.

Dave Drew was a multiple time convicted felon with a huge rap sheet for narco and gun trafficking. He would need not only a willing Governor but

the Chief Justice of the #California State Supreme Court. This took planning, coordination and timing. It also took a handful of public relations consultants and @RepJimmyPanetta's dad's hand on all of this. This was big stuff.

In 2018 all that work paid off and a corrupt gov.

#PARDON

@JerryBrownGov signed off on it with @AGBecerra (@JoeBiden's pick for HHS Sec., @KamalaHarris) assistance and consideration.

What did they know that the general public did not?

There was money to be made. A lot of money.

So much so that the @MontereyHerald

and other local, diminished #newspapers, ran the story "concert promoter pardoned".

Leaving out Dave Drew is a Trucking, Shipping, Transportation & Logistics expert.

See where this is headed?

A logistics expert, rehabbed up as a useful tool. For whom?

That will all come out

The entire process was corrupt, from start to finish. The rehabilitation of this former narco trafficker (who is business associates with cocaine trafficker Mike Hackett (2017)) was a long term process.

So ... qui bono?

Friday, December 28, 2018

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SALINAS

# Concert promoter pardoned

By Juan Reyes

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**SALINAS** » It's been a little more than 20 years since David Drew was released from prison after serving several terms for sale and possession of drugs.

The 55-year old Salinas native and business owner was issued pardon Monday by Gov. Jerry Brown for the drug-related convictions.

"It was just personal satisfaction. I think it's more than what people seek a pardon for," he said. "The pardon is not going to erase my criminal record,

it'll always be there for the rest of my life, ... but it does restore some of my rights that you don't previously have."

Drew, who was convicted of eight felonies for marijuana and cocaine in the 1980s and 1990s, was released from prison in 1997. Since then, he's gone on to start two successful companies: Drew-Massa Transportation and David Drew Productions, the entertainment company which has helped bring big-name artists like Blake Shelton and Kid Rock to Salinas.

Drew said he was sitting in his office when a phone call came in from a Sacramento area code. He wasn't going to answer it thinking

it was a telemarketer, but something inside made him answer the phone. It was a staff member from the governor's office notifying him that Brown had just executed his pardon.

"I can tell you, I was pretty overjoyed at that moment," Drew said. "It was a little bit overwhelming. So it took a few seconds to sink in, but it was pretty gratifying."

Drew said he's more than satisfied with Brown issuing the pardon but believes most people who seek one do it for validation.

"The hard work and the change that you made in your life, I think

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David Drew and his dog, Sando, take a minute to pose for a photo as they were setting for a concert. Drew, who was pardoned by Gov. Jerry Brown Monday, owns David Drew Productions, a music production company in Salinas.

COURTESY  
DREW

Finally,

Why did @RepJimmyPanetta and his close friend in local banking get Dave Drew MILLIONS in #PPP money?

Qui Bono?

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## THE GROWER'S PUB

Loan Amount

\$150,000-350,000

Location

Salinas, CA

Industry

Full-Service Restaurants

Business Type

Corporation

Jobs Reported

32

Lender

Pacific Valley Bank

Date Approved

April 15, 2020