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TO: **News / Assignment Desk or News Editor**

Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriff Arrested in Illegal Firearms Case

On Thursday, August 25, 2022, detectives from the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff Investigation Division arrested Matthew Buckley, a Deputy Sheriff and 15-year veteran of the department. This comes after an investigation into illegal firearms.

As part of the investigation, a search warrant was served at a residence where evidence was seized.

41-year-old Buckley of Pinole was booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on the following charges:

Felony Grand theft of a firearm (two counts), receiving stolen property (two counts), felony unlicensed transfer of a firearm, felony filing a false report, destroying/concealing evidence, and possession of a controlled substance.

Buckley is being held in lieu of \$175,000 bail. He is on paid administrative leave from the Sheriff's Office.

"When we were first apprised of the allegations, we immediately started an investigation," said Contra Costa Sheriff David Livingston. "No one is above the law and employees of the Sheriff's Office who violate the law will be held accountable. I am disappointed but this arrest is not a reflection of the many outstanding employees of the Sheriff's Office."

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with any information on this incident is asked to contact the Investigation Division at (925) 313-2600 or through Sheriff's Office dispatch at (925) 646-2441. For any tips, email: tips@so.cccounty.us or call (866) 846-3592 to leave an anonymous voice message.

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