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PRESS INFORMATION

INCIDENT: Employee Arrest

CASE NUMBER: BI23-0035

GENERAL LOCATION: Red Bluff, Ca. 96080

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: August 30th, 2023 around 8:30 AM

EMPLOYEE: Bline, Yvette (Correctional Deputy)

AGE: 59

GENERAL LOCATION: Red Bluff, Ca.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: In the early months of 2023, the Tehama County Sheriff's Office received information regarding possible Workers' Compensation Fraud being committed by Correctional Deputy Yvette Bline. This complaint was forwarded to the Tehama County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation for an independent criminal investigation. The Sheriff's Office is committed to transparency and ensuring public trust.

The Sheriff's Office was updated on the criminal investigation in late July, where an internal investigation was initiated into multiple policy violations. A coordinated investigation between the agencies was conducted. On August 30th, 2023 Yvette Bline was arrested by the Tehama County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation for two felony counts of Workers' Compensation Fraud. The bail was set at \$250,000.00 and a source of bail condition was included. Ms. Bline was booked into the Tehama County Jail. Due to her employment in the Jail, she was transferred to a neighboring County Jail for housing.

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office is disappointed and angry with these allegations of an employee who committed violations of public trust. We are committed to retaining the public's trust by holding employees accountable and making the public aware of the actions that have been taken here. We take these allegations seriously and acknowledge that no one is above being investigated for criminal actions.