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Press Release

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Saso sworn in as Assistant Sheriff of Colusa County

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James Saso was sworn in Monday April 20, 2015 as the Assistant Sheriff of Colusa County. Sheriff Joe Garofalo has selected Saso to be his second in command after a comprehensive hiring process.

As Assistant Sheriff, Saso is largely responsible for all public-safety operations in accordance with the policies prescribed by the Sheriff and oversees all personnel. It is the Assistant Sheriff's duty to aid, advise and cooperate with the Sheriff in general administrative matters and in determining matters of policy. The Assistant Sheriff represents Sheriff Joe Garofalo in his absence.

With a total of 26 years in law enforcement, Saso started as a Correctional Officer with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office. In 1990, he became a Colusa County Reserve Deputy Sheriff becoming full-time 1994. During those years, he worked patrol and narcotic investigations. As a Deputy Sheriff, he accepted several assignments including Field Training Officer, School Resource Officer, impact weapons instructor, and a SOAR team member.

In 2001, Saso was hired by the Williams Police Department as a Sergeant, promoted to lieutenant in 2003, and appointed to Chief of Police in 2006. As Chief of Police, he has twice assumed the Acting City Administrator position and remained in that capacity the second time. He is a graduate of the 223rd FBI National Academy and possesses the POST Executive Certificate.