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Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TURU VANDERWIEL, CHIEF OF POLICE

DATE: February 3rd, 2020

RE: INTRODUCTION OF POLICE OFFICER MATHEW BOWEN

Recommendations: There is no action required on this item. As Chief of Police, I am proud to introduce our newest Police Officer, Matthew Bowen.

Background: In August of 2019, the Police Department tested to fill two vacant Police Officer positions. Mr. Bowen was selected from that list of qualified applicants.

Discussion: Mr. Bowen has completed all testing and initial training requirements to work as a sworn peace officer. He graduated from the San Joaquin Delta College Academy in 2019, and on January 25th, he began his sixteen-week Field Training Program with the Sonora Police Department.

Matthew grew up in Atwater, California, as one of three siblings. He was inspired to work in the law enforcement profession by growing up watching the family's favorite television show, COPS. Matthew and his wife Michelle currently live in Merced and until recently, Matthew has worked in the retail industry. Shortly after graduating high school in 2011, he took a job at R&N Market, where he quickly accelerated to Department Manager. A position he held until leaving that profession for a career in public service.

Matthew is eager to learn all aspects of patrol work and to successfully complete his Field Training Program. He desires to become the best Police Officer he can and to provide a high level of service to our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Turu VanderWiel", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Turu VanderWiel
Chief of Police