



TODAY IN HISTORY

**1524:** Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama — who had discovered a sea route around Africa to India — died in Cochin, India.

**1814:** The United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the War of 1812 following ratification by both the British Parliament and the U.S. Senate.

**1851:** Fire devastated the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.

**1865:** Several veterans of the Confederate Army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tenn., that was the original version of the Ku Klux Klan.

**1913:** Seventy-three people, most of them children, died in a crash of a plane after a false cry of "Fire!" during a Christmas party for striking miners and their families at the Italian Hall in Calumet, Mich.

**1943:** President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe as part of Operation Overlord.

**1968:** The Apollo 8 astronauts, orbiting the moon, read passages from the Old Testament Book of Genesis during a Christmas Eve telecast.

**1980:** Americans remembered the U.S. hostages in Iran by burning candles or shining lights for 417 seconds — one second for each day of captivity.

**1984:** Actor Peter Lawford, 61, died in Los Angeles.

**1992:** President George H.W. Bush pardoned former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and five others in the Iran-Contra scandal.

**1993:** The Rev. Norman Vincent Peale, who blended Christian and psychiatric principles into a message of "positive thinking," died in Pawling, N.Y., at age 95.

**2014:** Sony Pictures broadly released "The Interview" online — an unprecedented counterstroke against the hackers who'd spoiled the Christmas opening of the comedy depicting the assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

**2015:** Christian faithful from around the world descended on the biblical city of Bethlehem for Christmas Eve celebrations as an outburst of Israeli-Palestinian violence dampened the typically festive mood. California Gov. Jerry Brown pardoned Robert Downey Jr. for a nearly 20-year-old felony drug conviction that sent the Oscar-nominated actor to jail for nearly a year. William Guest, 74, a member of Gladys Knight and the Pips, died in Detroit.

— The Associated Press

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Woman found dead in backyard of Oildale residence is identified

**THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN**  
 A 38-year-old woman has been identified as the person found dead in the backyard of an Oildale residence on Monday morning. According to the Kern County coroner's office, Tracy Kinser was found at 8:21 a.m. Kern County sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a woman who was unresponsive in a backyard in the 300 block of Roberts Lane. Fire and medical personnel also arrived on scene and the woman was pronounced dead, a Kern County Sheriff's Office news release stated. KCSO is investigating the incident as a suspicious death.

Anyone with information is asked to call KCSO at 861-3110 or Secret Witness at 322-4040.

**The California Highway Patrol is emphasizing safe driving during the holiday season.**  
 In a news release, the CHP said it will be implementing a maximum enforcement period starting at 6:01 p.m. today that will conclude at 11:59 p.m. Sunday. The agency stated that during this time available officers will be on the road for advanced enforcement and to assist any drivers in need of help.

In a news release, the CHP reminded drivers that even if traffic is lighter this year, that it's not an invitation to speed. The agency also stated that motorists should avoid driving tired, impaired or distracted. A news release also pointed out that California's regional stay at home order is advising residents to stay close to home as much as possible and to avoid significant travel plans.

The CHP said those that deem their travel as essential should drive sober, avoid distractions, buckle up and leave ample time to arrive at their destination.

KCSO

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Enforcement Association, which represents deputies, echoing Sheriff Donny Youngblood's denial that constitutional violations had occurred at the department.

"There were allegations made, and we firmly believe and stand behind, that there were no law violations," said KLEA President Marcus Moncur. He said the union welcomed the settlement with open arms, adding he believed the agreement verifies concerns KLEA has been bringing before the Board of Supervisors for years, especially relating to low staffing levels. "For us and our membership, this is a win for us," he said. "There are a lot of things that point to a lack of staffing, and I think that anyone or any business can appreciate that if you lack the appropriate or necessary staffing to complete a task, it begins to cause, or has, other problems."

Lt. Kevin Wright, president of the Kern County Sheriff's Command Association, also spoke favorably of the agreement.

"I think everybody is glad that this has finally come to a conclusion and is not just constantly hanging out there," he said. "This gives us a solid game plan to follow, and I think that that is really our next goal, just to make sure we are compliant with the things that are agreed upon in the document. David Cohn, managing partner at local law firm Chain Cohn Stiles, criticized the Justice Department for settling with the Sheriff's Office.

"I suppose it's something to make the attorney general feel good. I don't think it means anything," he said. "I don't think it's going to have any meaningful impact with respect to how the Kern County Sheriff's Department handles excessive force issues within the department."

He said a staff attorney at

In a news release issued Wednesday morning, the California Highway Patrol underscored some new roadway safety laws that will be implemented in 2021.

License points deduction for distracted driving: Using a cell phone in a handheld manner while driving is currently punishable by a fine. Beginning July 1, however, violating the hands-free law for a second time within 36 months of a prior conviction for the same offense will result in a point being added to a driver's record. This applies to the violations of talking or texting while driving (except for hands-free use) and to any use of these devices while driving by a person under 18.

Unattended children in motor vehicles: Exempts a person from civil or criminal liability for trespassing or damaging a vehicle when rescuing a child who is 6 years old or younger and who is in immediate danger from heat, cold, lack of ventilation or other emergency vehicle circumstances. The law will be implemented on Jan. 1.

"Move Over, Slow Down" amendments: Extends the provisions of the "Move Over, Slow Down" law currently in place on freeways to also apply to local streets and roads so drivers approaching stationary emergency vehicles displaying emergency lights must move to another lane when possible or slow to a reasonable speed on all highways. Will be implemented Jan. 1.

Emergency vehicles: Allows authorized emergency vehicles to use a "Hi-Low" warning sound. This distinctive sound, different from a siren, would be used to notify the public of an immediate need to evacuate an area in an emergency. The CHP is currently developing regulations to standardize the Hi-Low warning sound statewide. Until the regulations are adopted, law enforcement agencies can use the Hi-Low warning sound by obtaining a permit from the CHP. The law went into effect Sept. 29.

REFORMS REQUIRED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SETTLEMENT

Below is a list of reforms required under a settlement agreement between the California Department of Justice and the Kern County Sheriff's Office.

- Revise use of force policies to prohibit maneuvers that have a substantial risk of causing suffocation and require deputies to intervene when excessive use of force is taking place.
- Modify canine policies and training from "find and bite" to "find and bark" and limit off-leash canine deployment only for armed suspects or those wanted for a serious felony.
- Inform the public about all officer-involved shootings and deaths in custody.
- Require supervisors to investigate all uses of force.
- Improve use of force training to include de-escalation techniques and bias.
- Meet with community advisory panel to receive input.
- Require deputies to state reason for an investigatory stop or detention as soon as possible.
- Require deputies to state a valid reason under the law for a consent search and secure a supervisor's approval for any search of a home.
- Provide dispatchers with crisis intervention training and establish deputies who are preferred responders to individuals in a mental health crisis.
- Ensure timely access to police services to all individuals regardless of ability to speak English.
- Develop a recruitment plan for attracting a workforce that reflects diversity in Kern County.
- Broaden efforts to participate in community engagement efforts.
- Conduct a biennial community survey measuring public satisfaction with policing.
- Establish a clear definition for a civilian complaint.

Source: California Department of Justice

been responsible for collecting over \$20 million in damages against the Sheriff's Office since Youngblood was first elected, and if continuously settling lawsuits didn't start to change KCSO conduct, he didn't feel this new agreement would either.

"Do you see any of the political leaders, do you see any of the supervisors saying to the sheriff, 'We want meaningful reform, we are tired of paying out on these claims,' he said, commenting on the lack of public statements from local leaders. "It's business as usual. Nothing is going to change."

But some who have been pushing for change have found hope in the new agreement.

"This is a really big deal that this happened and I think that overall, the use of force policy reform overall is great," said Stephanie Padilla, a staff attorney at

the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California.

She described herself as happy with the DOJ's actions, but cautioned against the expectation that KCSO will alter its culture quickly.

"I don't want to minimize the fact that there are various patterns and practices — a lot of them honed in are racist — that are embedded within KCSO that will take a while to root out," she said. "This is not going to be an overnight, 'we've entered into this consent decree and now all of a sudden things are going to be better in the next year or two.' This is going to be this long road ahead to ensure we are going to see the change we want to see."

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