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Press Release

Subject: Sheriff Says No to MRAP

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After extensive research and analysis, dialogue with the community and taking into consideration multiple individual's expressed concerns, Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto decided against accepting the free surplus MRAP vehicle offered by the FBI. The intent of accepting the surplus equipment was to provide protection to the community and law enforcement officers in high risk emergency operations such as active shooters, bomb threats, hostage rescues and other high risk situations. Community members voiced concerns that the vehicle would be used during protests. Prieto was adamant that this vehicle would not have been deployed during protests.

To purchase a similar vehicle would cost the tax payers well over \$200,000 for the initial purchase. Having this vehicle in the Sheriff's fleet would have reduced response times to incidents in the unincorporated areas of Yolo County and when requested to assist the cities. Now, the Sheriff's Office will continue to rely on Woodland and West Sacramento Police

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Departments MRAP vehicles in times of need, which will undoubtedly increase response times.

The Sheriff recognizes that a vital component to the relations between the community and our officers is trust. The concerns of many community members, which were demonstrated at the Board of Supervisor's meeting in February, were heard, measured, understood and carefully evaluated. While Sheriff Prieto empathizes and agrees with some of these concerns expressed, ultimately, taking into careful consideration the backdrop of the current national political climate and the fear of police militarization, the Sheriff believes community confidence and trust are more important than the acquisition of an MRAP vehicle. The Sheriff and his department remain committed to community policing, building trust and transparency and to that end, will continue to make decisions based upon what will best serve the community of Yolo County.