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People Can Change"*



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On March 12, 2021, and again on March 15, 2021, a person entered the public lobby at the Probation Center on Broadway in Oakland, and recorded lobby activity under a declaration of the First Amendment. The person was initially inaccurately advised by staff that he would need to obtain permission before he could record.

A debate ensued in which the contracted security guards displayed unprofessional behavior. They have since been relieved from providing security services to the Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD). The videos were subsequently uploaded to the Internet and resulted in several formal inquiries for information. The department has since initiated an inquiry into the incident.

ACPD respects the First Amendment rights of individuals to record and be present in public places. In an effort to reinforce the department's support of the public's First Amendment rights, and to ensure staff are aware of what activities are permissible within probation offices by the general public, an instructional bulletin was released department wide on March 19, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Executive Program Coordinator Fina Perez at (510) 268-7127.



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