



# SHERIFF

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A Message from Sheriff Christina Corpus:

The claim that "Sergeant Joe Fava was placed on administrative leave without reason" is patently false — just as several assertions in the July 12–13, 2025, Daily Journal article are misleading or factually inaccurate.

Sergeant Fava was not placed on leave for any improper or retaliatory reason. His temporary administrative leave is entirely unrelated to any comments or cooperation he may have provided in the Keker report. Any suggestion to the contrary is both irresponsible and reckless, and it undermines the integrity of the internal affairs processes that govern all public safety personnel. Let me be clear: accountability is not retaliation. It is a responsibility I was elected to uphold.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will not tolerate efforts to blur that line in order to shield potential misconduct or discredit reform. Upholding the law begins within our own ranks, and that means every employee—regardless of rank or history—must meet the standards of professional conduct we owe to the public.

Unfortunately, some recent media coverage has reflected a disturbing pattern: the selective use of information, false narratives, and personal attacks to erode public confidence and obstruct progress. These tactics are not new—but they are wrong. I will not be deterred by efforts to weaponize the press or internal complaints in service of political agendas.

Sergeant Fava, like all employees, is entitled to due process under the law. The Sheriff's Office is committed to handling all personnel matters in accordance with the governing legal frameworks, county policies, and administrative procedures—not through public speculation or trial by media.

While we must maintain confidentiality in personnel matters, our core values remain clear and unwavering: transparency, fairness, and a steadfast commitment to lawful and ethical service are the foundation of this Office.

I was elected to lead with integrity, to modernize the Sheriff's Office, and to ensure accountability across all levels. I will continue to fulfill that responsibility—regardless of external pressure or political noise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christina Corpus".

Christina Corpus  
Sheriff