

Sample Anonymous Whistleblower Tip
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Sex Club Scandal at the Robert Presley Detention Center

On March 7, 2026, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department investigated allegations of sexual battery of a recently released female inmate claiming she had been lured into a vehicle, locked inside this vehicle, and then sexually assaulted by Yash Patel, a Corrections Deputy with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Yash Patel was ultimately arrested, placed on administrative leave, and shortly after being booked in, bailed out of custody. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department report number is JV260660038. Investigator Cardinal of the Special Investigations Bureau is conducting this investigation and can be contacted at (951) 955-1700.

I am writing this because I am a concerned citizen and employee and it has come to my attention that this wasn't a singular / isolated incident. In fact, Yash Patel has other victims that the Sheriff Bianco is trying to keep quiet. In addition, and more concerning is that this is not the only employee that was involved in this "sex club" with Yash Patel. These additional deputies were allegedly identified when Patel's phone was searched.

Yash Patel, along with 5 other correctional deputies, would review the release screens in the Jail Management System (JIMS), retrieve the female victims addresses and phone numbers and attempt to lure the female victims into vehicles to spark a sexual encounter with them. But the most concerning part, all five correctional deputies, instead of being placed on administrative leave, were instead moved to other correctional facilities, effective 4/16/26.

The employees involved are Jess Benitez, Riley Anema, Mohammed Siddique, Edwin Aries, and Dylan Sinnicolas. Once again as per usual pattern of conduct from the Sheriff's Department, the once typical approach for this type of behavior was not followed! Instead of placing these employees on Administrative Leave and/or criminal filings they did an approach as seen in other high-profile cases to hide the corruption from the public.

Several employees are saying Sheriff Bianco and Undersheriff Sharp took this approach as to avoid the negative affect on Sheriff Bianco's run for governor and not bring embarrassment to HIM and they don't want to open the door to more litigation and encourage more victims to come forward and reveal their stories of sexual abuse by these deputies.

It has been alleged that Sheriff Bianco is getting county counsel and risk management to pay out/off these victims quietly. I find this to be an alarming pattern of practice disgusting and intolerable. Why won't Sheriff Bianco rid the department of sexual deviancy and why is he not holding employees accountable? Why is Sheriff Bianco hiding these employees instead of sending a message that this conduct will not be tolerated? This behavior will continue if it is not addressed appropriately and us good, dedicated and professional employees will find the only way to hold Sheriff Bianco and his Executive Staff accountable is to expose it through letters and media outlets. Please help us hold these employees, Sheriff Bianco and his Executive Staff accountable.

Sincerely,

A veteran employee with integrity.



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