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## **Elk Grove Police Department**

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### **Elk Grove Police Promote Five**

**ELK GROVE, CA** – On Friday, March 9, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., the Elk Grove Police Department will hold a promotional ceremony in the City Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way. The promotional ceremony will promote James Burich to the rank of Captain, Kathy Dewante and Martin Pilcher to the rank of Lieutenant and Mike Iannone and Jody Tennis to the rank of Sergeant.

#### **Promoted to the rank of Captain:**

James Burich is a twenty-six year law enforcement veteran who previously worked for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. Burich holds an Associate of Science from Sacramento City College in Criminal Justice and is completing his Bachelor's Degree through California State University, Long Beach. Burich has worked assignments in the Jail, Patrol, Detectives, Traffic and the Professional Standards Bureau. Captain Burich will be assigned as commander of the Investigative Services.

#### **Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant:**

Kathy Dewante is a twenty-six year law enforcement veteran who previously worked for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department before joining Elk Grove. Dewante holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Management from California State University, Sacramento and a Masters from the Union Institute. Dewante has worked assignment in the Jail, Patrol, Child Abuse as a Detective and was the first officer hired by EGPD in September 2005. Dewante is currently the Project Manager for the implementation of the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System. Lieutenant Dewante will be assigned to Administrative Services Bureau.

Martin Pilcher is an eighteen-year law enforcement veteran who previously worked for the West Sacramento Police Department and the Vallejo Police Department before joining Elk Grove. Pilcher holds a Bachelor's Degree from California State University, Sacramento and a Master of Public Administration from Lacrosse University. Pilcher is a use of force instructor and has worked assignment in S.W.A.T., Investigations, Patrol (Field Training Officer) and Traffic Enforcement. Lieutenant Pilcher will be assigned to the Night Watch Patrol as the Watch Commander.

**Promoted to the rank of Sergeant:**

Mike Iannone is an eighteen-year law enforcement veteran who previously worked for the Sacramento Police Department and Sacramento County Sheriff's Department before joining Elk Grove. Iannone holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Sacramento City College along with a Bachelor's Degree in Police Management from Union University of Sacramento. Iannone has worked as a Motor Officer, Field Training Officer, School Resource Officer, DUI Enforcement Officer and a Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Officer. Sergeant Iannone will be assigned to the Traffic Bureau.

Jody Tennis is a nineteen-year law enforcement veteran who previously worked the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department before joining Elk Grove. Tennis holds an Advanced Post Certificate from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and is completing her Bachelor's Degree at the Union Institute and University. Tennis has worked as a Field Training Officer, K9 Officer, Detective, Hostage Negotiator and was a member of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department High Impact Team. Sgt. Tennis will be assigned to Night Watch Patrol.

"We are absolutely delighted to promote these outstanding employees," said Robert Simmons, Elk Grove Police Chief. "The individuals that are being promoted will help the Elk Grove Police Department become a premier law enforcement agency long into the future."