

# MPD and Moraga community mourn the loss of Corporal Kevin Mooney



Photo provided

**Corporal Kevin Mooney**

**By Vera Kochan**

Community members in the town of Moraga were shocked and saddened to learn of Moraga Police Department Corporal Kevin Mooney's passing on Aug. 21, after a courageous battle with COVID-19 and related complications. More so, because he was only 58 years old, a husband, father and grandfather. Mooney embraced and

epitomized the police motto "To Protect and to Serve" his entire life. He was a member of the United States Marine Corps for 29 years, overseas and in Iraq. He rose to the rank of Major before finally retiring in 2010. He continued to protect and serve during his 21 years as a Contra Costa County Sheriff's Deputy before becoming an officer for the city of Orinda for more than six years.

In 2013, Mooney joined the MPD where he served as a detective, and explained in a Lamorinda Weekly interview that year, "I live in Moraga. I've been involved with the schools and the community for quite a while and I have a vested interest in keeping things safe here."

Mooney wore many hats as a rangemaster, a field training officer and as the president of the Moraga Police Officers Association, but the one position that was very close to his heart was being the organizer of the local Toys for Tots drive. "I have been

involved with the Toys for Tots program since my Marine Corps Reserve days in the '90s," he said during a 2018 interview for a Lamorinda Weekly article. "I count it as one of the most important and satisfying endeavors in which I have participated. A great program for a great cause." It was the first of many opportunities this reporter had to interview Det. Mooney.

During the Toy Drive event the following week, he spoke off-topic and told me, with a straight face, that the Moraga police station was haunted. "No one wants to stay there alone late at night, because they keep hearing things," he said. Not wanting to miss the opportunity of a great Halloween article, the following October I emailed him for more details. When he didn't respond, I began to ask others who worked in the town offices, but everyone said they'd never heard that the place was haunted or that anything out of the ordinary

happened at night. I came to the conclusion that Det. Mooney was likely "yanking my chain" and putting me through my paces - testing the new reporter, as it were.

Mooney offered me insight into the latest scams that were being perpetrated against local citizens or the public in general. He was excited to get the word out as to all of the various schemes befalling unsuspecting people, and more so, the elderly. He almost spoke faster than this reporter could take notes, and it was clear that he hoped the article would help prevent more scams from happening to the people under his watch.

One of the last interviews I had with Det. Mooney was for the TJ Maxx robbery article. I was already at the store

when he arrived on the scene and joked, "You got here faster than I did. How did you hear about it?" To which I replied, "I'm one of the witnesses." The expression on his face was priceless - as if he was trying to figure out whether I was kidding or not. The fact that I was in the process of being interviewed by another officer gave him his answer.

Although I only knew Det. Mooney on a professional level, it quickly became clear to me that he was a man who meant business when it came to fighting crime, but he had a lighter side to him that he let escape every now and then. Moraga will truly miss Det. Kevin Mooney - a man who made it his life's mission to protect and serve.

Donations can be made to Cpl. Mooney's family through the Fund a Hero program at Kevin Mooney Memorial Fund. <https://porac.org/fundraiser/kevin-mooney-memorial-fund>

### Fire District Public Meetings

#### Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors  
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m.  
For meeting times and agendas, visit [www.mofd.org](http://www.mofd.org)



#### ConFire

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1 p.m.



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# Former MCF treasurer sentenced to 18 months in prison

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The relevant factors include the history and characteristics of the defendant, promoting respect for the law, 'deterrence' and the need to impose a 'just' punishment. Application of these factors to Mr. Fritzky - who abused a position of trust in the Moraga community to steal over \$300,000 from a nonprofit, from his neighbors, from his friends - points to a sentence of at least two years."

Prior to Fritzky's July 30 hearing, Graham submitted a Defendant's Supplemental Sentencing Memorandum to the Court. In it he asked the Court to "impose a sentence of 12 months of home incarceration to be followed by three years of supervised release." He also agreed that "there are a number of people in Moraga who are angry with Mr. Fritzky for what he did. Mr. Fritzky acknowledges and understands their anger. He is deeply apologetic for the breach of the community trust, the damage done to the reputation of the Moraga Community Foundation, and the money that re-

mains unreimbursed."

A July 27 Supplemental Impact Statement to the Court from MCF stated, "Mr. Fritzky borrowed and obtained under false pretenses hundreds of thousands of dollars in loans from other Moraga residents in 2018 and 2019. Those loans remain unpaid to this day. The folks who loaned money to Mr. Fritzky trusted him, and he betrayed their trust. Such behavior toward his fellow citizens is the antithesis of selfless and law-abiding conduct." The Statement also pointed out that Fritzky had missed making his \$5,000 per month restitution payments for May, June, and July. The August payment was also unpaid.

During the Aug. 27 sentencing hearing, Fritzky disclosed that a test for COVID determined that he was diagnosed with Long-haul COVID symptoms that could last for weeks or months. The Court asked him whether he was able to go through with the hearing, to which Fritzky replied to the affirmative.

Assistant United States Attorney Barbara Valliere pointed out to the Court that

Fritzky had created "a profound and pervasive abuse of trust" and that he "has a penchant for dishonesty" when she recommended a sentence of 21 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and restitution.

MCF President Dave Trotter also recommended that Fritzky "serve his time in prison and not home confinement."

Archer reiterated his request for a 12-month home confinement with three years of supervised release, and restitution.

The Court gave Fritzky an opportunity to speak before sentencing was handed down. "I accept responsibility for my actions," he responded. "I have had the opportunity to read about other nonprofit embezzlement cases and understand what was their motivation. I did not do it just to buy more watches, more TVs or homes. The motivation was not to get rich - it was just to try and make it. I ask for your mercy."

Before making a decision, Tigar explained, "This is probably the hardest thing I do in cases - to impose sentencing."

The judge brought up the fact that it was clear to him that Fritzky knew what he was doing over the course of several years, and that his crime wasn't just a one-off. The Court noted that Fritzky accepted loans from Moraga citizens and friends totaling more than \$200,000 with the excuse of wanting to buy-out his Med-MatRx business partner, of which there was none. The Court also pointed out that Fritzky used donations to the Jeanette Fritzky Foundation as his personal bank account, adding that "This conduct was long-running and on-going while he was being interviewed by the FBI."

In handing down the sentence of 18 months in prison and three years of supervised release, the Court made several stipulations which included: that Fritzky not hold a fiduciary position; that he must pay restitution (which will be determined at a later hearing); that he cooperates with the IRS to pay tax liabilities; that he not open new lines of credit or incur any debt; that he goes through periodic credit checks; that he is subject to a search

clause regarding his phones, computers, etc.; that he cooperates with any drug tests and DNA collections; that he be housed in a facility as close to the San Francisco Bay Area as possible; and that he surrenders of his own accord to the Marshal's office at 5 p.m. on Nov. 8.

United States Pre-Trial Services Officer Katrina Chu asked the Court to impose an electronic monitoring device on Fritzky as he had not yet surrendered his passport when requested. Fritzky explained that he had informed authorities that it had expired 11 years ago and assumed there was no rush to turn it over. The Court informed Fritzky that he must turn over his passport regardless, and cautioned him that any attempt at flight would not bode well.

In a press release following the sentencing hearing, Trotter stated, "The Moraga Community Foundation thanks the Court and the U.S. Attorney's Office for filing criminal charges against Mr. Fritzky. On balance we believe that justice has been done in this case."

### Public Safety

**Emergency response:**  
Emergency: 24 Hours 911  
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours 925-284-5010  
Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)  
**Lafayette Police Department:**  
3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd. 925-283-3680  
Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt 925-299-3221  
Police Department Tip Line 94549Tip@gmail.com  
Police Department Traffic Issues 94549Traffic@gmail.com  
**Moraga Police Department:**  
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055  
Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049  
**Orinda Police Department:**  
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820  
Chief of Police, David M. Cook 925-254-6820  
[Orindatip@cityoforinda.org](mailto:Orindatip@cityoforinda.org)

### Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 8 - Aug. 21



Alarms	44
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	14
Traffic	64
Suspicious Circumstances	5
Suspicious Subject	14
Suspicious Vehicle	14
Service to Citizen	25
Patrol Req./Security Check	68
Public/School Assembly Check	0
Supplemental Report	22
Vacation House Check	41
Welfare Check	17
Ordinance Violation	3

**Vehicle violations**

Auto Burglary	3600 Block Brook St.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	30 Block Lafayette Cir.
Reckless Driving	3700 Block Mosswood Dr. (2) Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cir.
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	Echo Springs Rd./Reliez Valley Rd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Oak Hill Rd.	Los Palos Dr./Glenside Dr.
Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd.	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Greenvalley Dr./Pleasant Hill Rd.	3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.

Moraga Rd./School St.	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Happy Valley Rd.
Vehicle Theft	900 Block Moraga Rd.
1000 Block Carol Ln.	<b>Other criminal activity</b>
Fraud False Pretenses	10 Block Sweet Rd.
10 Block Reliez Valley Ct.	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	1200 Block Quandt Ct. (2)
Grand Theft	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Grand Theft From Veh	3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Grand Theft Veh Parts	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Golden Gate Way
Blackwood Ln./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Identity Theft
1100 Block Vallecito Ct.	600 Block Doreen Way
Petty Theft	900 Block Hawthorn Dr.
Petty Theft Bicycle	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Residential Burglary	300 Block Buckeye Ct.
Shoplift	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>	Disturbance-domestic
900 Block Hough Ave.	4000 Block Valente Dr. (2)
Pleasant Hill Rd./Condit Rd.	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Greenvalley Dr.	600 Block Los Palos Dr.
Disturbance-fight	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Disturbing The Peace	3300 Block Springhill Rd.
Drunk In Public	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Loud Music	Florence Dr./St Marys Rd.
900 Block Dewing Ave. (2)	Loud Noise
Moraga Blvd./1St St.	Rancho View Dr./Pleasant Hill Rd.
3400 Block School St.	Loud Party
Carol Ln./Moraga Blvd.	1100 Block Glen Rd.
Public Nuisance	St Marys Rd./S Lucille Ln.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Taylor Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Dewing Av/Bickerstaff St.	10 Block Townsend Pl
Deer Hill Rd./Brown Ave.	3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Vandalism
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	

3200 Block Sweet Dr.	500 Block Antonio Ct.
<b>Other</b>	Battery
20 Block Tofflemire Dr.	Fire/Ems Response Info
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	1100 Block Rahara Dr.
Fireworks	St Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.
H&S Violation	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Harassment	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
600 Block Doreen Wy	Threats
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	3600 Block Boyer Cir.
Trespass	3600 Block Deer Hill Rd.
Unwanted Guest	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.	Violation Custody Order
900 Block Moraga Rd.	3500 Block Deer Hill Rd.

### Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 10 - Aug. 23



Alarms	10
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	10
Traffic	54
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious Subject	5
Suspicious Vehicle	9
Service to Citizen	43
Patrol Req./Security Check	24
Supplemental Report	11
Vacation House Check	8
Welfare Check	2
Public/School Assembly Check	2
Ordinance Violation	2

**Vehicle violations**

Excessive Speed	Rheem Blvd./Stuart Ct.
Moraga Way At Moraga Valley Ln.	Moraga Way/School St.
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. (2)	Canyon Rd./Moraga Way
Moraga Rd./Draeger Dr.	Corliss Dr./Moraga Rd.
Campolino Dr./Natalie Dr.	Moraga Way/Eastwood Dr. (2)
Moraga Way/St. Andrews Dr. (2)	Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd. (3)
Constance Pl.	Moraga Rd./Moraga Way
Moraga Rd./Donald Dr. (2)	Ifo Homegoods

Donald Dr.	Lucas Dr.
Reckless Driving	Camino Pablo/Canyon Rd.
Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd.	Canyon Rd./Country Club Dr.
Tc - Property Damage	Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd.
<b>Other criminal activity</b>	Forgery
100 Block Miramonte Dr.	Grand Theft
1400 Block Camino Peral	Grand Theft Veh Parts
Not Available	Petty Theft
2100 Block Ascot Dr.	Warrant Arrest
Glorietta Blvd./Moraga Way, Ori.	<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>
Disturbing The Peace	10 Block Roberts Ct.
Safeway	Loud Music
2100 Block Donald Dr.	Hacienda (6)
Country Club Dr./Canyon Rd., Mo	100 Block Devin Dr.
Country Club Dr./Canyon Rd., Mo	Canyon Club Brewery
Loud Party	50 Block Merrill Dr.
200 Block Paseo Bernal	2000 Block Ascot Dr.

<b>Other</b>	Fire/Ems Response Info
Moraga Commons Park	Unwanted Guest
20 Block Hour Fitness	

### ORINDA POLICE

### Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 1 - Aug. 14

Alarms	43
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	15
Traffic	13
Suspicious Circumstances	4
Suspicious Subject	5
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Service to Citizen	57
Patrol Req./Security Check	86
Supplemental Report	19
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	9
Public/School Assembly Check	7
Ordinance Violation	1

**Vehicle violations**

Accident Injury	60 Block Acacia Dr.
Accident Property	Irwin Way
10 Block Van Tassel Ln.	Auto Burglary
Wildcat Canyon/Bear Cir.	Hit And Run Misdemeanor
200 Block Moraga Way	300 Block Camino Pablo
Reckless Driving	Moraga Way/Coral Dr.
Camino Pablo/El Toyonal	400 Block Moraga Way
Glorietta Blvd./Meadow Ln.	700 Block Moraga Way
<b>Other criminal activity</b>	Fraud Credit Card
500 Block Moraga Way	Panhandling
10 Block Theatre Sq	Wildier Rd./Eb Sr 24
Petty Theft	20 Block Bryant Way
20 Block Orinda Way	Petty Theft From Veh
100 Block Amber Valley Dr.	20 Block Bel Air Dr.
Petty Theft Other	20 Block Bel Air Dr.
Residential Burglary	50 Block Windy Creek Way
Shoplift	10 Block Theatre Sq 106
<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>	Disturbance-domestic
10 Block Birch Ct.	300 Block La Espiral
Disturbing The Peace	50 Block Citron Knoll
Loud Music	100 Block Hall Dr.
Loud Party	Valley Dr./Heather Ln.
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.	300 Block Tappan Terrace
Public Nuisance	Theatre Square
Vandalism	Theater Sq
30 Block Tara Rd.	<b>Other</b>
Failure To Obey	Wb Sr24 Apg Fish Ranch
Fireworks	100 Block Manzanita Dr.
Trespass	20 Block La Cuesta Rd.
Unwanted Guest	10 Block Camino Encinas
100 Block Brookwood Rd.	500 Block Moraga Way
Violation Custody Order	Orinda Theater Sq