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## **CITY OF HANFORD INVITES COMMUNITY TO FREE SCREENING OF GHOST HUNTERS SEASON PREMIERE AT CIVIC PARK**

*Episode takes place inside Hanford's historic Bastille building, which served as the Kings County Jail from 1897 to 1964*

**HANFORD, CA** – The City of Hanford invites the community to attend a free public screening of the season premiere of Ghost Hunters on Thursday, April 6 at 9 p.m. The episode will be streamed on a large inflatable screen in front of the old Courthouse in Civic Park (400 N. Douty Street).

The episode, “Dead Man Walking” centers on paranormal activity at the Bastille, the old Kings County Jail that is currently owned and maintained by the City of Hanford.

From the Warner Bros. Discovery [press release](#):

***“Dead Man Walking” – Premieres Thursday, April 6 at 9 p.m. ET/PT on Travel Channel and Streaming on discovery+***

*In downtown Hanford, California, sits an imposing, abandoned county jail more than 125 years old. The Bastille, as it is known today, has captured the imagination of the residents who, for decades, have reported encountering apparitions and other strange activity in this building. In the years since this former Wild West jail was shuttered, many businesses have come and gone inside the old building, but they all share one commonality – claims of chilling paranormal phenomena. Now, many believe that the decades of suffering and tragic deaths that occurred inside the jail are behind the ongoing hauntings. Joining TAPS on this investigation is actor Chandler Riggs (“The Walking Dead”), as well as investigators Satori Hawes and Cody DesBiens.*

The Ghost Hunters team traveled to Hanford last September to shoot the episode and interview locals with knowledge of the nearly 130-year-old building, including City of Hanford Building Superintendent Randy Shaw.

“Randy’s kind of a historical hobbyist and he cares a lot about Hanford,” said Hanford Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert. “When the Ghost Hunters came into town, it’s my understanding that it was a very active few days, and they were very impressed with what they saw inside the Bastille.”

Kings County Sheriff David Robinson said his interview with the Ghost Hunters crew came at just the right time.

Robinson was able to show them some Bastille-era relics at the sheriff's office museum, part of the department's new headquarters building.

"When I became sheriff in 2011, one of my goals was to preserve the history of the department," Sheriff Robinson said. "To know that part of that history is included in an episode of Ghost Hunters is surreal but so cool."

Adding to the spooky spirit of Thursday night's screening, City crews will illuminate the Bastille with LED lights as the episode plays on the big screen.

Albert encourages everyone attending to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets. He hopes many people attend and feel a sense of community pride while watching the episode.

"Hanford cares deeply about its history and its past," Albert said. "This building, the Bastille, is a part of that lore that legend. And stories that are handed down are very important to carry from generation to generation to generation."

### **Attachments**

- **Ghost Hunters public screening flyer**
- **Photo of Randy Shaw with Ghost Hunters inside the Bastille**