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## Sheriff's Deputy Alvin Green to be first black sergeant

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EAST PALO ALTO — Alvin Green Jr., 42, a crime prevention officer with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department's East Palo Alto substation, on March 27 will become the department's first black to make sergeant.

Green, a resident of Hayward, has worked as a deputy sheriff with the department since 1969.

He will be sworn in as a sergeant by Sheriff John R. MacDonald in a ceremony at the Sheriff's Department headquarters in Redwood City.

Green said he expects to be assigned to the Corrections Department at the main jail in Redwood City.

Green stressed that his promotion was not a part of an affirmative

action program instituted by the department.

He said he 'worked his way up through the ranks without any special favors,' and is proud of that fact.

Green works with the various crime prevention programs in East Palo Alto.

They include neighborhood watch, a self-help anti-crime program designed to involve citizens in neighborhood problems; a lock installation program and other crime prevention programs.

Green was born and attended school in Texas. He served for five years in the U.S. Air Force, from 1958-62, and began his law enforcement training there as an air patrolman.

After joining the Sheriff's Department, Green continued his law enforcement training through



Staff photo by Gene Tupper  
Alvin Green Jr.

courses at San Jose City College in 1970, at the Palo Alto Police Department in 1973 and at the College of San Mateo in 1979.

He also holds electronics and advanced nursing certificates.