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**SF Sheriff Miyamoto Dubs Former NBA Champ Rick Barry an
Honorary Deputy**

For the first time in its 175-year history, the SFSO Bestows Star on a Civilian

San Francisco, CA – In a fun-filled kickoff to the NBA All-Star Weekend, Sheriff Paul Miyamoto awarded retired Golden State Warriors great **Rick Barry** with an honorary sheriff's deputy star at the Rick Barry All-Star Celebration gala this evening at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club.

"This is the first time in our Office's 175-year history that we've named a civilian an honorary deputy," said **Sheriff Paul Miyamoto**, who grew up watching Mr. Barry play basketball. "It's my absolute privilege to give Rick Barry the first star because he has been a staunch supporter of the San Francisco Sheriff's Office. While we appreciate him for what he's accomplished as an athlete for the game of basketball, today we recognize him as simply an outstanding person dedicated to his community and public safety."

While Barry will not have the legal authority to perform police duties, the honorary deputy title is a symbolic position indicating an individual's strong commitment to law enforcement efforts.

Barry, who starred in the NCAA, American Basketball Association (ABA), and the NBA, was named one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history. He is the only player to lead the NCAA, ABA, and NBA in points per game in a season. His 36.3 points average per game are the most in NBA Finals history. Barry was known for his unorthodox underhand free throws – his .880 percentage was the best of any NBA player at the time of his retirement in 1980. In 1987, he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.



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Tonight's event brought together basketball legends and fans in celebration of Barry's legacy, and to raise funds for the **San Francisco Junior Deputy Program**. The program provides leadership and mentorship programs for youth, helping them develop life skills and how to reach their full potential.

"Our organization is proud to celebrate Rick Barry's legacy and contributions to America's youth, military veterans, and the law enforcement community," said **Jorine Moore, Director of the San Francisco Junior Deputy Program**. "This event represents a significant milestone for San Francisco, honoring a legendary basketball icon and serving as a catalyst for empowering the city's future leaders and community members."

"Google is proud to sponsor this event and we look forward to paying tribute to one of its most beloved sports icons," **Malar Patel, founder of GOOGLE Pathfinder Beyond Sports**. "The honorary deputy star is a testament to Barry's impact on San Francisco and the basketball community, as well as his hard work, dedication, and passion for youth."

Other sponsors of the event include the San Francisco Sheriff's Office, U.S. Army, FISLL, the Allan Houston Foundation, iiCare, California Law Enforcement Columbia Association, and the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club.

Tickets for the 6 p.m. event are available on the event website at <https://sanfranciscojuniordeputypgm.ticketspice.com/rick-barry-celebration>. For more information, contact the Junior Deputy Program at 415-712-1919.

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