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Oakdale Library hosts discussion about methamphetamine addiction and crime

Award-winning journalist Scott Thomas Anderson will discuss the relationship between methamphetamine addiction and crime in northern California, as well as, Stanislaus County's link to the meth pipeline in Mexico. The discussion will take place at the Oakdale Library on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. Anderson will also be available to sign copies of his new non-fiction book, "Shadow People: how meth-driven crime is eating at the heart of rural America." Matthew Learned, a former methamphetamine producer, will also speak to the crowd and engage in a question and answer session.

Anderson spent 18 months, between May 2010 and Oct. 2011, working as an embedded reporter with northern California law enforcement agencies, partnering with officers on night patrols, observing SWAT operations, and spending hundreds of hours with attorneys and victims' advocates. During this time, Anderson also traveled to rural communities across the United States to study how methamphetamine is adversely affecting small towns across America. This investigative work led Anderson to write "Shadow People," which chronicles the price a community pays for the direct link between methamphetamine addiction and financial crimes, property crimes, domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, assaults, and homicides. One of the cases detailed in the book involved the city of Oakdale.

For more information, please contact the Oakdale Library at 847-4204.

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