

# TRAINING BULLETIN

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Menlo Park Police Department

April 3, 2020

## **Subject: HANDLING SHELTER IN PLACE/STAY AT HOME ORDER VIOLATIONS**

San Mateo County Health Director Dr. Scott Morrow and six other Bay Area Health Directors issued a new order extending the requirements for Shelter in Place to May 3, 2020. A copy of the new order is attached to the email. The new order adds further restrictions regarding social distancing and essential businesses.

San Mateo County District Attorney's Office provided some guidance regarding prosecution of violations of the shelter in place order. The DA is more than willing to prosecute violators but they have requested several steps prior to arrest, which officers have already been doing.

The following are the guidelines that will be followed when dealing with violations of the shelter in place order:

- First violation            Education and warning documented in CAD
- Second violation        Education and warning documented in CAD
- Third violation            Advise subject that a fourth violation will result in arrest and that the DA has formally stated they will prosecute. Create info case and document warnings.
- Fourth violation        Contact subject. Advise watch commander of the situation. The watch commander will have ultimate say in arrest. If arrest is warranted, issue a citation unless it is clear that the offense is likely to continue, then officers can book. The violation is 120295 HS, and this violation has been added to the handheld nForcers.

Although officers have the ability to escalate to arrest, it is still the policy of this department that all steps be taken to educate and persuade persons to follow the order. Officers should also not be stopping (vehicle/pedestrian) persons in order to ascertain if they are travelling within the parameters of the order.

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