

STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

NARCOTICS DISPOSAL  
SUBJECT

DATE: May 10, 2018

NO: G-6

FROM: CHIEF ERIC JONES

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

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I. POLICY

Stockton Police Department personnel will destroy seizures of controlled substances which exceed 10 pounds in weight if certain provisions are met as established by State Law.

II. LAW

Section 11479 H&S allows agencies to destroy seizures of controlled substances.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Seizures of controlled substances that exceed 10 pounds in weight may be destroyed under the following provisions:

1. Five or more representative samples of the controlled substances to be destroyed must be taken. . These samples shall be in addition to the 10 pounds required above.
2. Photographs will be taken which reasonably demonstrate the total seizure.
  - a. The Stockton Police Department also will take photographs of the actual destruction.
3. The gross weight of the total seizure shall be determined. This may be done by actually weighing the material seized or by estimating the weight according to prescribed procedures.
4. The Chief of Police or a designated subordinate has determined that it is not reasonably possible to transport and/or store the entire seizure.
5. An affidavit shall be filed with the appropriate court within 30 days following the destruction.
  - a. Only supervisory personnel will sign the affidavit.

B. This General Order applies not only to large seizures of marijuana, but also to any controlled substance in excess of 10 pounds such as large seizures of dangerous hallucinogens or other drugs difficult to handle or store.

1. In extremely large seizures the material seized may be destroyed on-site.
  - a. An example would be the burning of a field in which marijuana is growing.
2. The Division Commander or Field Coordinator must approve any on-site destruction.