

STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

PAROLE AND PROBATION SEARCHES
SUBJECT

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TO: ALL PERSONNEL

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I. POLICY FOR EXECUTION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION SEARCHES

It is the policy of the Stockton Police Department to conduct parole and probation searches in accordance with all current laws. The conducting of parole and probation searches will be carried out on a basis of safety first. The safety of the public and department personnel involved will take precedence over the apprehension of wanted persons or recovery of contraband. Concern and respect for the civil rights and dignity of those persons who are being searched or with whom our officers come in contact with during such activity is required of all police personnel.

II. PROCEDURE

A. CONFIRMATION OF PAROLE OR PROBATION STATUS:

1. Personnel shall confirm parole status prior to conducting any searches by doing any of the following:
 - a. Check CLETS for parole status.
 - b. Contact the Parole and Corrections Team at (209) 639-2107 during normal business hours (Monday thru Friday, 0800-1700).
 - c. Contact State Parole at (209) 948-7652 during normal business hours (Monday thru Friday, 0800-1700).
 - d. Contact CDC Parole I.D. Warrants in Sacramento at (916) 324-2891 after normal business hours. Additionally, the Command Center has a list of home telephone numbers for all current Parole Agents
2. Personnel shall confirm adult probation status prior to conducting any searches by doing either of the following:
 - a. Contact San Joaquin County Adult Probation at (209) 468-4100 during normal business hours (Monday thru Friday, 0800-1700).
 - b. Check CJIS for probation status.
3. Personnel shall confirm juvenile probation status prior to conducting any searches by doing either of the following:
 - a. Contact San Joaquin County Juvenile Probation at (209) 468-4000 during normal business hours (Monday thru Friday, 0800-1700).
 - b. Contact the Duty Officer at the Juvenile Justice center at (209) 468-4222 after normal business hours.

B. SUPERVISOR NOTIFICATION:

1. Personnel will notify a supervisor prior to any probation or parole searches unless sound police practices dictate otherwise (i.e., exigent circumstances, etc.).

C. METHOD OF ENTRY AND SEARCH:

1. Personnel shall not force entry while conducting a parole or probation search without first obtaining a supervisor's approval or unless exigent circumstances exist. In all cases where forced entry is made, a description of the force used and any damages caused will be documented in a police report. Photographs will also be taken documenting the damage.
2. All searches will be conducted in a courteous, professional and nondestructive manner to the extent the circumstances deem possible. Any disarray caused by searches will be minimized prior to the departure of the personnel conducting the search.

III. **USE OF SWAT**

A. Use of SWAT

1. The use of SWAT should be considered when conducting a parole or probation search if any of the following conditions exist:
 - a. Suspect(s) has a history of violence.
 - b. Suspect(s) has a history of possessing weapons.
 - c. Officers do not feel the search can be conducted safely for any other reason.
2. Refer to General Order Q-2 on the procedures for requesting SWAT.