



Date: June 16, 2020
To: WATCH REPORT
From: Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police *R. Luna*
Subject: **SPECIAL ORDER - APPROVAL REQUIRED BEFORE "NO KNOCK" WARRANT IS SOUGHT**

Effective immediately, this Special Order establishes policy regarding requests seeking judicial approval to serve a "no knock" warrant.

California Penal Code Section 844 requires police officers to give "knock notice" prior to forcing entry to serve a search warrant. The courts have long held that there may be articulable facts which lead an officer to seek judicial approval to suspend the "knock notice" requirement. While this process still exists, the Long Beach Police Department is seeking to standardize and track when such requests are made.

Effective immediately any warrant that seeks judicial approval to be served as a "no knock" warrant requires the approval of a Deputy Chief. Approval must be obtained before the warrant is presented to a judge. This approval will be documented in the Warrant Briefing Sheet.

Any questions regarding this Special Order can be directed to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Police, at 570-7553.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF THE LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL
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Approved: *R. Luna*

Date: *6.16.20*