## **CHIEF OF DETECTIVES**

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August 19, 2020

TO: All Concerned Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

## SUBJECT: COVID-19 RESTRAINING ORDER PROCESS UPDATES

Los Angeles County Courthouses have changed procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic including how community members can obtain domestic violence restraining orders. There are four methods that people can use: email, fax, drop boxes located outside the courthouse, and in person by appointment only.

**Note:** Officers should not advise victims of domestic violence to go to the courthouse to obtain a temporary restraining order because the victim is often denied entry because they do not have an appointment.

A "Court Update During COVID-19" card was created to explain the methods of requesting a temporary restraining order and listing other resources. Officers **shall** give victims of domestic violence the "Court Update During COVID-19" card along with the domestic violence pamphlet. The cards will be distributed to all geographic Area Major Assault Crimes Coordinators for dispersal within the Area.

If you have any questions, please contact the Domestic Violence Coordinator, Detective Bureau, at (213) 486-7000.

KRIS E. PITCHER, Deputy Chief Chief of Detectives

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