CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

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June 2, 2021

TO:

All Concerned Personnel

FROM:

Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT:

PETITIONS TO TERMINATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION -

ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING

As a result of Senate Bill 384 (2017), California is transitioning from a lifetime sex offender registration requirement to a tier-based system. Senate Bill 384 has established the three tiers of registration for adult sex offenders, based on specific criteria, as 10 years, 20 years, and lifetime. On or after July 1, 2021, sex offenders who meet certain requirements may petition the court in their county of residence for termination of their requirement to register as a sex offender in California. Sex offenders will be required to serve Petitions to Terminate Sex Offender Registration (form CR-415) on both the registering law enforcement agency (LEA) in the jurisdiction where they reside and on the LEA in their county of conviction. It is estimated that the Department will receive close to 1,900 Petitions to Terminate Sex Offender Registration beginning July 1, 2021, through June of 2022. The Department's Registration Enforcement and Compliance Team (REACT) units handle registration for all sex offenders that reside within the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles. The REACT units will be responsible for the processing and investigation of all Petitions to Terminate Sex Offender Registration.

PROCEDURES

- I. OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES. Officers receiving a Petition to Terminate Sex Offender Registration shall provide the petition to their respective watch commander without delay.
- II. WATCH COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES. Watch commanders receiving a Petition to Terminate Sex Offender Registration shall forward the petition to the concerned REACT unit as soon as practicable, no later than end of watch. During Business Hours, watch commanders shall contact a REACT officer and either provide the petition in person, or via Department e-mail. During non-Business Hours, petitions shall be scanned and sent to the e-mail address: SB384@lapd.online.
- III. REGISTRATION ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE TEAMS,
 OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES. All REACT officers shall complete the on-line
 SB 384 Phase II End-User Training provided by the California Department of Justice.

When a sex offender completes the prerequisite step of obtaining proof of current registration, the REACT officer shall direct the registrant to provide the resulting petition to the same REACT unit after it is obtained from the court.

REACT officers will handle Petitions to Terminate Sex Offender Registration as follows:

- Verify the identity of the sex offender and write the corresponding CII number at the top right of the Petition to Terminate Sex Offender Registration form.
- Scan and e-mail a copy of the petition to Records and Identification Division via the e-mail: mugshots@lapd.online.
- Enter the required petition information into the California Sex and Arson Registry (CSAR) and record the Petition Number that will be automatically generated.
- Log all received petitions.
- Thoroughly investigate each petition assigned by confirming eligibility and determining if there are any factors that would amount to a public safety concern.
- Complete the petition checklist in CSAR and print a copy.
- Submit the Petition to Terminate Sex Offender Registration and petition checklist for supervisory review and approval.

IV. REGISTRATION ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE TEAMS, SUPERVISOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES. The REACT supervisors will ensure:

- Petitions to Terminate Sex Offender Registration are assigned for investigation.
- Petitions are processed in the required 60 days and each completed CSAR checklist is reviewed for thoroughness and accuracy.
- Petitions to Terminate Sex Offender Registration with approved checklists are forwarded to the designated liaison with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and the involved court.

V. REGISTRATION ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE TEAMS, COORDINATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES. The REACT coordinator is responsible for the following:

- The oversight of all REACT units to ensure that the Department complies with the acceptance and processing of all Petitions to Terminate Sex Offender Registration within 60 days.
- Liaison with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to facilitate receipt of the findings for completed investigations.
- Providing petition and checklist specific training to all REACT officers and supervisors.
- Ensuring methods and systems are in place to effectively collect and forward all Petitions to Terminate Sex Offender Registration from officers, watch commanders and REACT officers.

VI. COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY. Commanding Officers shall ensure all personnel within their commands adhere to this Notice.

Any questions regarding this Notice may be directed to Detective Lauren Rauch, Robbery Homicide Division, REACT Coordinator, at (213) 486-6918.

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