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72-HOUR Temporary (or Probable cause) Want

Patrol Officers have been doing a great job in taking the extra steps in their initial investigations that greatly assists detectives once the case is eventually assigned to them. Some of these examples include drafting and distributing Crime Bulletins (SNOWs, ABs & IBs), adding REMARKS to a suspect's county screen/WebKPF page, and drafting and executing search warrants in the field. With all of this in mind, I want to bring your attention to another option that is available and that is the **72-HR Temporary (or Probable Cause) Want**.

The **72-HR Temporary Want** is a probable cause want that is entered into NCIC for a felony charge. There are a few benefits with this process including:

1. **Suspect Is Flagged:** The suspect would be flagged in the NCIC system for a felony want (similar to a warrant) for 72 hours. This usually gives time for detectives to review the case and follow-up with an arrest warrant during normal business hours over the course of the next (3) days.
2. **Alerts LEAs Outside of County:** This would alert law enforcement agencies outside of Sacramento County when the suspect is stopped and run in the system for warrants. This is especially important when dealing with suspects who are a definite flight risk.
3. **Records Can Enter Wants For You:** Records Warrants Radio personnel can enter this Temporary Want in NCIC in less than (10) minutes. You can do this by either calling down there (X-0611) or by dropping by HOJ and doing it in person.

To better put this into perspective, here is an example of a SPD case that happened a couple of weeks back:

***EXAMPLE:** The suspect was recently released from prison for beating up his (now) ex-wife. On a Friday evening, the suspect saw his ex-wife at a local store and jumped into her car as she was about to leave. The suspect beat up the ex-wife, kidnapped her, and forced her to drive to an out-of-the way park where he continued the assault. Once neighbors saw the assault occurring and called SPD Dispatch, the suspect pushed the ex-wife out of her car and stole her vehicle. This was after the suspect threatened the victim's life which was viewed as a very credible threat. Because this case didn't qualify for a call-out from OOI, the case probably wouldn't be reviewed by detectives until the following Monday or Tuesday. The suspect was ultimately wanted for 245, 207, 236, 422 and 215 PC.*

Arguably, this was a very violent felony case where the suspect needed to be caught ASAP before the victim could be further victimized and/or killed. The stolen vehicle was obviously entered into the SVS System so that was flagged in case an officer spotted that, but what about the suspect? By just entering REMARKS into the county system and/or distributing an Arrest Bulletin locally, we are only flagging that subject to LEA officers in Sacramento County. But by taking the time to perform the extra step and enter the suspect into NCIC on a **72-HR Temporary Want**, the suspect can be flagged and ultimately arrested if he is stopped just across the river in West Sacramento, or anywhere outside of Sacramento county.



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In order to ensure that this **72-HR Temporary Want** is used in an appropriate manner, Sergeants please instruct your officers by going over the following protocol:

1. Ensure you have a violent felony or heinous crime that would justify the use of this option. Again, a perfect example would be where the crime occurred on a Friday or Saturday night and the case wouldn't be seen by detectives until the following Monday or Tuesday. Waiting a few days could put your victim in harm's way of being further victimized and/or possibly killed.
NOTE: This option should not be used on every felony case, or a case in which the victim may be unsure of filing charges, or recanting their statement, or just seen as a 'weak felony' in general.
2. Officers shall obtain Sergeant's approval to do the 72-HR Temporary Want. Sergeants should verify that the case involves: #1) a violent felony; and #2) the strong possibility of flight by the suspect.
3. Officers should call Warrants Radio [REDACTED] or visit them in person to have Records personnel make the CLETS entry. Officers can also ask Records personnel to attach a copy of the 72-HR Temporary Want to the report as a TEXT document if the report is already in the system. This will help investigators confirm that the 72-HR Temporary Want was in fact entered into the system.
4. Complete the entire report that same shift. If the suspect is taken into custody elsewhere, Records personnel will be called by the Outside Agency to verify that there is in fact sufficient probable cause to justify the arrest by the outside agency; which would probably mean SPD emailing or faxing a copy of the report to that agency. Officers must clearly establish the probable cause and list the charges pending within the body of their reports.
5. Contact the appropriate OOI Detective Sergeant via telephone to advise him/her of the 72-HR Temporary Want entry which will need to be followed up with an arrest warrant by that investigative unit upon their return to work. Failure by the appropriate OOI Unit to obtain an arrest warrant prior to the 72-HR Temporary Want deadline will cause the temporary want to expire and be automatically purged from the NCIC system.
6. Create an AB for the suspect, including the fact that a 72-HR Temporary Want was issued, and distribute to SPD personnel and outside agencies (if needed).

Once again, this additional step is an option Patrol Officers can use to help flag our violent offenders and possibly ensure their arrest by outside agencies prior to an arrest warrant being issued through the Office of Investigations. Utilizing this option would also help increase officer safety by those outside agencies who may be stopping/contacting a known violent offender from Sacramento. Please let me know if anyone has any questions/concerns regarding the above protocol.

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