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To: Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Patrol and detectives divisions

Enre: SB2 CCW changes in the State of California.

The implementation of SB-2 which drastically impacts our CCW program, I want to clearly make known our direction when dealing with persons in possession of firearms with a valid CCW. We will likely be seeing persons carrying their firearms into locations which are on the restricted or "sensitive locations" list. Some folks will do this simply out of ignorance to the new restrictions while others may do so in protest.

I am not interested in turning law-abiding residents into criminals NOR do I wish to place our office or employees in peril over possible legal challenges and civil liability. I am certain the recent restrictions will experience many challenges regarding their constitutionality with pending legal challenges.

The list of sensitive locations includes the following:

- All public buildings and permitted public events
- All areas under control of an airport authority (public airports)
- Public transportation and certain private transportation
- Bars and restaurants
- Daycares and childcare facilities
- Playgrounds and parks
- State parks and land under the control of Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Gaming establishments
- Stadiums, libraries, amusement parks, and museums
- Churches and houses of worship
- Banks and their parking lots
- All private commercial property without specific permission of the property owner

If we are called regarding a violation of the location provisions, as a result we will take enforcement action on an 837 PC "Citizen's arrest" which we are mandated to receive. The subject can receive a citation or be noticed the case will be filed with the DA. The firearm will not be seized unless it is found a secondary violation of the law has occurred (i.e.: brandishing, etc.). If there is no secondary violation, or predicate offense other than the location restrictions, photographs of the firearm will be taken as evidence in the case.

As always, CCWs will not be valid while the subject is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Or while in commission of a crime. If the subject is found under the influence or armed in the commission of a crime, the CCW card will be removed from the carrier at that time.

Discretion will be afforded to our deputies in their duties as provided by California Penal Code section 4. Please exercise discretion where needed until such time the dust settles on this topic and clarity can be achieved.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Kendall", is written over a faint, illegible printed name.

Sheriff Matt Kendall