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California Assembly Bill 1962

Effective January 1, 2025, AB 1962 amended California Penal Code Section 647(j)(4) as it relates to the distribution of images of another person (i.e., "revenge porn"). AB 1962 amended the section to add to the definition of disorderly conduct the distribution of images recorded, captured, or otherwise obtained by the person distributing the image without authorization of the person depicted, as specified, or by the person distributing the image exceeding authorized access from the property, account, messages, files, or resources of the person depicted.

California Penal Code section 647 is amended to read:

"(j)(4) (A) (i) A person who intentionally distributes or causes to be distributed the image of the intimate body part or parts of another identifiable person, or an image of the person depicted engaged in an act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, sexual penetration, or an image of masturbation by the person depicted or in which the person depicted participates, when subclauses (I) to (III), inclusive, are all true:

- (I.) The person distributing the image knows or should know that the distribution of the image will cause serious emotional distress.*
- (II.) The person depicted suffers serious emotional distress.*
- (III.) One of the following has occurred:*
 - (ia) The person depicted in the image and the person distributing the image had agreed or had an understanding that the image shall remain private.*
 - (ib) The image was knowingly recorded, captured, or otherwise obtained by the person distributing the image without the authorization of the person depicted, and the image was recorded or captured under circumstances in which the person depicted had a reasonable expectation of privacy.*
 - (ic) The image is knowingly obtained by the person distributing the image by exceeding authorized access from the property, accounts, messages, files, or resources of the person depicted."*

PC 647 can be viewed in its entirety by accessing the following link:

- [California Penal Code Section 647](#)

Personnel are reminded to be familiar with the updates to PC 647 when investigating report “revenge porn” situations. All sworn personnel of the Deputy Sheriff and Park Ranger ranks are required to review and acknowledge this training bulletin **no later than May 29, 2025.**
