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California Senate Bill 902 – Firearms: Public Safety

The purpose of this training bulletin is to inform deputies and/or staff members about the key principles and enforcement guidelines related to California Senate Bill 902 (SB 902), which amended California Penal Code Section 29805 to add persons convicted of specific misdemeanor offenses under PC 597 to the list of persons prohibited from possessing firearms within 10 years of their conviction. This prohibition aims to enhance public safety by restricting firearm access for individuals convicted of certain crimes.

Key Principles of SB 902

Offenses Covered: Effective January 1, 2025, SB 902 modified subsection (g) of Penal Code 29805 to read as follows:

(g) Any person who is convicted on or after January 1, 2025, of a misdemeanor violation of subdivision (a) of Section 597, and who, within 10 years of the conviction, owns, purchases, receives, or has in possession or under custody or control, any firearm is guilty of a public offense, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment.

Prohibition Details

- Individuals convicted of a misdemeanor violation of Section 597(a), are prohibited from owning, purchasing, receiving, possessing, or having under their custody or control any firearm for a period of 10 years following their conviction.

Penalties for Violation

- Violating this prohibition is classified as a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or both that fine and imprisonment.

Below is a link to SB 902, which outlines the updates to the law.

- [Bill Text - SB-902 Firearms: public safety.](#)

All sworn personnel in the Deputy Sheriff and Park Ranger ranks are required to review and acknowledge this training bulletin **no later than July 4, 2025.**