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California Senate Bill 524

The purpose of this training bulletin is to provide personnel who write law enforcement reports with an understanding of California Senate Bill (SB) 524, which regulates the drafting of police reports using artificial intelligence (AI).

Effective January 1, 2026, section 13663 is added to the Penal Code and reads:

13663. (a) *Each law enforcement agency shall maintain a policy to require an official report prepared by a law enforcement officer or any member of a law enforcement agency that is generated using artificial intelligence either fully or partially to contain both of the following:*

(1) *On each page of the official report, or within the body of the text, identify every specific artificial intelligence program used in a manner that makes such identification readily apparent to the reader and prominently state the following: "This report was written either fully or in part using artificial intelligence."*

(2) *The signature of the law enforcement officer or member of a law enforcement agency who prepared the official report, either in physical or electronic form, verifying that they reviewed the contents of that report and that the facts contained in the official report are true and correct.*

(b) (1) *If a law enforcement officer or any member of a law enforcement agency uses artificial intelligence to create an official report, whether fully or partially, the first draft created shall be retained by the agency for as long as the official report is retained.*

(2) *Except for the official report, a draft of any report created with the use of artificial intelligence shall not constitute an officer's statement.*

(c) *The agency utilizing artificial intelligence to generate a first draft or official report shall maintain an audit trail for as long as the official report is retained that, at a minimum, identifies both of the following:*

(1) *The person who used artificial intelligence to create a report.*

(2) *The video and audio footage used to create a report, if any.*

(d) (1) A contracted vendor shall not share, sell, or otherwise use information provided by a law enforcement agency to be processed by artificial intelligence except for either of the following purposes:

(A) The contracted law enforcement agency's purposes.

(B) Pursuant to a court order.

(2) A contracted vendor may access data processed by artificial intelligence for the purposes of troubleshooting, bias mitigation, accuracy improvement, or system refinement.

(e) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Artificial intelligence" means an engineered or machine-based system that varies in its level of autonomy and that can, for explicit or implicit objectives, infer from the input it receives how to generate outputs that can influence physical or virtual environments. "Artificial intelligence" as used in this section applies to artificial intelligence systems that automatically draft police report narratives based upon an analysis of in-car or dash-mounted cameras, or body-worn camera audio or video, and artificial intelligence systems that analyze a law enforcement officer's dictated report to generate a police report narrative automatically enhanced by generative artificial intelligence.

(2) "Contracted vendor" means a third party which has made artificial intelligence available to law enforcement for the purpose of generating a draft police report.

(3) "First draft" means the initial document or narrative produced solely by artificial intelligence.

(4) "Law enforcement agency" means any department or agency of the state or any local government, special district, or other political subdivision thereof, that employs any peace officer, as described in Section 830.

(5) "Official report" means the final version of the report that is signed by the officer under paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

The Sheriff's Office contract with Axon does not support Draft1 or any feature that complies with this law. The report writing policy, KCSOPPM L-0100, is in the process of being updated to prohibit the use of AI in drafting law enforcement reports and is expected to take effect in January 2026. In the meantime, personnel shall adhere to the directive below.

Directive

Effective January 1, 2026, personnel shall not use artificial intelligence to draft law enforcement reports under any circumstances. This prohibition applies to all personnel who write law enforcement reports.

All personnel are required to review and acknowledge this training bulletin no later than **Wednesday, December 31, 2025**.