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California Assembly Bill 486 - New Burglary Tools related to PC 466

Effective January 1, 2026, California Assembly Bill 486 (AB 486) added key programming devices, key duplicating devices, and signal extenders as instruments that are an element to the offense of California Penal Code PC 466(a) – burglary tools.

For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

- “Key programming device” or “key duplicating device” means any device with the capability to access a vehicle’s onboard computer to allow additional keys to be made, delete keys, or remotely start the vehicle without the use of any key. A key duplicating device also includes any device with the ability to capture a key code or signal in order to remotely access a vehicle.
- “Signal extender” means a key fob amplifier or other device that extends the signal range of a keyless entry car fob to send a coded signal to a receiver in a vehicle to lock, unlock, access a vehicle, start the engine, or interact with other remote commands associated to the vehicle’s onboard computer.

Below are examples of a Key Programming Device and a signal extender:



All personnel of the Deputy Sheriff (including Reserves), Detentions Deputy, Park Ranger, and Community Service Technician (CST) ranks are required to review and acknowledge this training bulletin no later than **Friday, March 20, 2026**.