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Preservation of Peace Officer and Custodial Officer Records

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To: All California Law Enforcement Agencies

The Attorney General is vested with the Constitutional responsibility as the chief law officer of the State to see that the laws of the State are uniformly and adequately enforced. (Cal. Const. Art. V, § 13.)

In order to ensure compliance with California law, the California Attorney General's Office is instructing you to preserve all records that may be subject to disclosure beginning January 1, 2019, pursuant to recent amendments to Penal Code Section 832.7 as a result of Senate Bill 1421 (Stats. 2018, ch. 988).

You should preserve all applicable files currently stored in paper files either onsite or in a remote location. You should also preserve any and all electronically stored information, including databases, electronic data files, hard drives, on- and offline storage drives, backups, logs, archives, personal computers and portable devices, and other removable and non-removable media, and electronic mail and attachments to electronic mail, pertaining to both records and preservation of records, including but not limited to electronic mail regarding potential destruction of covered information.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Kevin Gardner at Kevin.Gardner@doj.ca.gov or Senior Assistant Attorney General Michael Newman at Michael.Newman@doj.ca.gov.