HAVE YOU HAD AN ENCOUNTER WITH SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OR SHERIFFS INVOLVING MARIJUANA?

If San Francisco police or sheriffs have arrested, cited or approached you about a marijuana offense that you believe should be considered a lowest law enforcement priority, the Marijuana Offenses Oversight Committee has a community complaint form you can fill out.

Marijuana offenses by adults in San Francisco are the lowest law enforcement priority, which means that San Francisco police and sheriffs are to treat all other crimes as a priority over adult marijuana offenses. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance in November, 2006 making marijuana offenses the lowest law enforcement priority.

San Francisco has created a committee -- the Marijuana Offenses Oversight Committee -- to gather statistics, take community complaints, and find out if police and sheriffs are treating marijuana offenses as the lowest law enforcement priority.

There are some situations where marijuana offenses are not considered a lowest law enforcement priority. These are:

- Anyone under 18 involved with a marijuana offense.
- Giving or selling marijuana to minors under 18.
- Giving or selling marijuana to adults on public property, including public streets, sidewalks, parks, buildings, or other public property.
- Giving or selling marijuana to adults in view of people on public property, unless this takes place entirely inside someone’s home or inside a private building.
- Driving while under the influence of marijuana.
- Any acts of violence or threats of violence that are related to, or take place along with, the marijuana offense.
- When police or sheriffs believe the marijuana offense can cause serious physical harm to the public.
Interviewee Consent

I understand that this interview is being conducted in order to monitor the police activity surrounding marijuana arrests, prosecutions, and citations in the City and County of San Francisco. The person conducting the interview is not a member of the police department, but a representative of a committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors to monitor compliance with Ordinance Number 0297-06 (Policy Making Marijuana Offenses the Lowest Law Enforcement Priority).

Your name will not be used in the report given to the Board of Supervisors. We hope you will feel comfortable answering these questions, but if not, you may decline to answer any of the questions. You may also ask for an explanation of any of the questions.

I agree to take part in this interview and to have my information made part of a report to the Board of Supervisors.

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Interviewee Signature                      Date

Interviewer Signature                      Date

Should you wish to file a complaint against an officer(s) involved in this incident you may contact:

Office of Citizen Complaints, 25 Van Ness Ave, 7th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94102

The Public may express concerns regarding Police matters at meetings of:

The San Francisco Police Commission held every Wednesday beginning at 5:30 PM in Room 400 at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place.
Personal Information

Date of Birth: __________________________________________________________
Gender Identity/Sex: ____________________________________________________
Race/Ethnicity: _________________________________________________________
Occupation: ____________________________________________________________
Interviewer confirmed contact information: Yes ☐ No ☐

Incident Information

Location: _______________________________________________________________
Date & Time of Incident: _________________________________________________
Type of Location (public, private, etc.): _________________________________
Police District (if known): _____________________________________________
Incident Report/Citation Number (if known): _____________________________

Additional Information

1. Why did law enforcement stop you?
   _________________________________________________________________

2a. Did law enforcement cite or arrest you for any other offense(s)?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

2b. If yes, please list the offense(s) here:
   _________________________________________________________________
3. Did you note any officer’s name or badge number?  Yes ☐  No ☐

3a. Did the incident lead to your arrest or prosecution?  Yes ☐  No ☐

3b. If yes, what is the current status of your case?

4a. Did law enforcement search you?  Yes ☐  No ☐

4b. If yes, did you consent to a search?  Yes ☐  No ☐

5. Did law enforcement take any of your property?  Yes ☐  No ☐

6a. Are you a medical cannabis patient or caregiver?  Patient ☐  Caregiver ☐  Neither ☐

6b. If yes, did law enforcement ask to see a Medical Cannabis I.D. Card or doctor’s recommendation?  Yes ☐  No ☐

7a. Were any other agencies involved in the incident (e.g. Child Protection Services, Public Housing Authority)?  Yes ☐  No ☐

7b. If yes, please list them here:

8. Was there any violence involved in the incident?  Yes ☐  No ☐

9. Have you filed a report with the Office of Citizen Complaints?  Yes ☐  No ☐
Optional, but appreciated:

1. Are you currently on parole or probation?  Yes ☐ No ☐

2. What is your current living situation?

3. Do you currently receive public assistance and/or a housing subsidy?  Yes ☐ No ☐

4. What is the highest level of education you have achieved?

Additional Comments

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