

GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 19-026

TO: ALL DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

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SUBJECT: TRACKING PENAL CODE § 236.14 VACATUR PETITIONS

DATE: MARCH 12, 2019

This General Office Memorandum (GOM) supplements Special Directive (SD) 16-18 pertaining to Penal Code (PC) § 236.14 vacatur petitions filed by a person who claims he or she committed a non-violent crime as a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking. Because an individual may petition to vacate any non-violent offense, vacatur petitions affect the entire office and not just the Human Sex Trafficking Section or the Victim Impact Program (VIP).

Human trafficking victims may have multiple criminal matters throughout the county of Los Angeles. Keeping track of filed vacatur petitions is useful as it allows deputies to access information regarding previously filed petitions and it promotes consistency in the handling of those petitions throughout the office.

The Systems Division has created a section in the Human Trafficking Database in Lotus Notes to track PC § 236.14 vacatur petitions. Every office, division, section, and unit shall enter information into the PC § 236.14 section of the Human Trafficking Database when a PC § 236.14 vacatur petition is received. This includes uploading any documents relating to the petition, recording the result of the petition, and entering comments pertaining to the petition.

Please click on the link [Human Trafficking/SB 823](#) to add the database to your computer. Any further questions should be directed to Special Assistant Jane Creighton at (213) 257-2913.

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