

GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 20-081

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM: JACKIE LACEY 
District Attorney

SUBJECT: CAROTID RESTRAINT DECERTIFIED/UNAUTHORIZED

DATE: JUNE 9, 2020

During the past few weeks, there has been growing public concern about the use of carotid restraint by law enforcement. The purpose of this GOM is to inform all personnel that the Bureau of Investigation's use of the carotid restraint has been immediately decertified and unauthorized.

This decision has been made based on information and direction from the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST). POST has decertified all academy and in-service training in the use of any form of a carotid control hold.

Our Bureau of Investigation continues to do an outstanding job in helping us protect our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights. We thank them in advance for their continued dedication and professionalism in representing the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

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