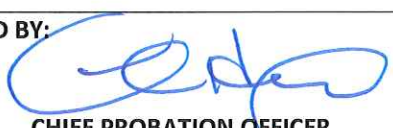


SOLANO COUNTY CALIFORNIA PROBATION DEPARTMENT	POLICY NUMBER: 610	EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 2015
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APPROVED BY:  CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER	TITLE: FORCED ENTRY	

1. **Policy** Forced entries into a residence or other dwelling to accomplish a search, arrest or a detention will not be routinely performed by probation officers. Law enforcement officers that are equipped and trained for these specific entries should perform this task. These situations represent a very high risk. In situations where the safety of the probationer or others is in immediate jeopardy or the exigent circumstances otherwise require immediate arrest or detention, forced entry is permitted.

For purposes of this policy, probation officer includes all sworn peace officer classifications, including Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Probation Services Manager, as well as field group counselors.

2. **Procedures**

- A. Forced entry should only be considered in exigent circumstances. Example of exigent circumstance may include:
 - (1) The probationer's own life is in danger as a result of a suicide attempt, drug overdose, or any other behavior that may jeopardize his/her life or immediate safety.
 - (2) The probationer or his/her behavior represents a serious danger to the safety of others and their safety is in immediate jeopardy.
 - (3) An immediate arrest or detention is necessary to avoid jeopardizing the safety of the probationer and others.
- B. Prior to a forced entry, local law enforcement and a unit supervisor should be contacted and informed of the situation and the need for possible assistance, if feasible.
- C. Before forced entry can be accomplished, Section 844 of the Penal Code requires that the probation officer must knock, identify themselves, demand entrance and explain the purpose before entering the residence by force. This requirement can be waived if knocking and announcing will increase the danger of the risk of evidence being destroyed.

- D. If an entry is forced and occupant(s) arrested, reasonable efforts need to be made to secure the residence.
 - E. If forced entry is used upon a probationer's residence/dwelling, an incident report shall be prepared and submitted to the unit supervisor by the end of the following business day. If law enforcement makes the forced entry, an incident report is not required, but this information needs to be included in the Field Operational Report.
3. **Exceptions** Any exceptions to the provisions set forth in this Policy shall require prior written approval from the Chief Probation Officer.