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Training Class

WALL STOPS-HOW TO PROTECT SOURCES AND METHODS FROM THE TRAFFIC STOP TO THE COURTROOM

MONDAY, APRIL 07, 2025

0800-1700

Oakley, CA

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to discuss best practices related to wall stops in terms of the allowable type and depth of communication with marked units, Judges, and the assigned prosecutor. Further, the course will instruct on multiple case studies where wall stops have gone wrong in the eyes of the appellate courts and how to avoid those mistakes moving forward. Lastly, the course will instruct on common defense attorney tactics designed to get behind the wall and in so doing discuss just how powerful the law enforcement privilege, defined in California Evidence Code section 1040-1042, is and how to properly utilize it to safeguard informants, means/methods, and successful prosecutions. Objectives covered include: •How to prep marked units prior and post stop. •How to utilize K9 support. •Proper communication with prosecutors and safeguarding privileged reports. •Advantages and Disadvantages of anticipatory warrants. •Determining "materiality" and whether to prosecute ancillary targets. •Cal. Penal Code section 1054.7 hearings and discovery obligations for Prosecutors. •When and how to invoke 1040-1042 privilege? •What happens after invocation?

INSTRUCTOR:

Devan Portillo has been a prosecutor for just over a decade prosecuting everything from DUIs to homicides. For the past three years Devan has been the lead prosecutor for Unit 1, the special prosecutions unit of the Placer County District Attorney's Office that handles all human trafficking, cartel level major narcotics crimes, and fentanyl induced homicides. Unit 1 is well known within the state for its pathfinding work on fentanyl homicides including securing the first fentanyl induced homicide plea in California. Devan has conducted multiple complex jury trials related to major narcotics and works in concert with both state and federal narcotics taskforces to actively identify, disrupt, and dismantle drug trafficking organizations. To that end, Devan regularly works with confidential informants and has successfully litigated hundreds of cases built upon privileged information without burning sources or means or methods. To that end, Devan is intimately familiar with both the benefits and pitfalls surrounding the "Wall" created by California Evidence Code sections 1040-1042.

LOCATION:

Oakley Recreation Center
1250 O'Hara Ave
Oakley, CA 94561

COST:

\$40 for CNOA Members \$60 for Non-Members

Please register at www.cnoaregionaltraining.org by clicking on the class title. Once registration is complete you will receive a confirmation email. Walk in's will be accepted. We require a 48-hour notice for cancelations. Check in will start at 7:30 am.

Payments for the class will be accepted at the door. (Cash, check, or credit card) **You will be required to provide LEO credentials for entry into the training class.** If you want to pre-pay prior to the class or for any other questions contact us at: cnoaregion1@gmail.com