



Honorable Legislators,

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Re: Strengthening Restrictions on “No Knock Warrants”

We support Strengthening Restrictions on use of “NO Knock Warrants”. There are many times it has been wrongfully used against innocent people whereby they have been hurt. It also allows law enforcement to enter with weapons who can “cover up” misuse. As one officer said: “He would support any alibi” and the person killing an ethnic person – “would go free”.

Some cases where “NO Knock Warrants” were wrongfully used:

- Ethnic person was out-of-town on business for one week. Home was broken into by what seemed like robbers. Loss of personal property, damages to home. Law enforcement said they did it, so victim had no remedies. There was no information on what justified their “break-in”.
- Ethnic family was out-of-state on vacation. Home was broken into by what seemed like robbers. Loss of personal property, damages to home. Law enforcement said they did it, so victims had no remedies. There was no information on what justified their “break-in”.
- Ethnic victim of domestic abuse was at work. Home was broken into by law enforcement on allegations of abuser. Victim had to flee to domestic abuse shelter.
- An abuser made false reports to the police, including to get “NO Knock Warrants” whereby he could enter his victim’s home. Law enforcement believed him and entered the premises while the victim was gone, but left the door open for the abuser to get in and rob the victim’s home. This tactic was also used when other abusers wanted to prevent their victims from winning a court case.
- Code enforcement officer lied to Judge to justify use of law enforcement in his various attempts to defraud ethnic family and get their property for profit, including false reports to get into their house with law enforcement.
  - One incident involved having Clerk of Court give wrong court date so a Warrant could be issued for missing a hearing.
  - Another incident involved making a false report that there was “over grown grass” in mid-May right after snow melted and grass had not grown– in violation of Judge’s probation of not having grass over 12 inches.
- Neighbor false reported to law enforcement – that they needed to get into another neighbor’s house as “welfare check” because she didn’t see the neighbor for a while. Yet the neighbor doing the reports was not a friend with the other neighbor, and lived several houses down a curved road where the activities could not be seen anyway.
- A racist neighbor was always making false reports against a next-door ethnic neighbor including whenever someone else did something that made him mad.
- A neighbor “gossip” made false reports to the police against a next-door ethnic neighbor when she got mad that the ethnic neighbor was not doing favors for her.

- A racist builder seeking to profit from getting another neighbor's house at less than value, made false reports to "harass" that neighbor – to drive them out of the neighborhood.

These are some of the incidents where law enforcement was wrongfully involved, including in attempting to get or getting "NO Knock Warrants".

Thank you for considering the need to restrict "NO Knock Warrants" that can be wrongfully obtained and used against victims.

Respectfully submitted,  
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