

Memorandum

Date: April 21, 2020

To: CDCR_CCHCS Extended Executive Staff

Subject: **CDCR PEACE OFFICER HEARSAY TESTIMONY**

On June 5, 1990, California passed Proposition 115 – “The Crime Victims Justice Reform Act.” Among other provisions in the Proposition is the allowance for peace officers with specified training or experience to provide testimony during preliminary hearings. The law required peace officers to attend Commission on Peace Officer Training and Standards (POST) developed training or meet the five year experience level to qualify.

Recently it has come in to question whether some departmental peace officers meet the qualifications to provide hearsay testimony. Peace Officer Selection and Employee Development staff have worked with POST to review prior and current training curricula for departmental peace officers. The review revealed that all current departmental peace officers have successfully met the standards to provide hearsay testimony. They have achieved this by either attending Penal Code 832 training after July 1, 2007 or having five years of peace officer experience.

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