

# ***DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT***

***TRAINING***



***BULLETIN***

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## **Juvenile Marijuana Citations**

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Recently, we have been in contact with Los Angeles County Probation regarding the issuance and processing of Marijuana citations to juveniles. As a result, the following guidelines have been set in place for proper issuance and processing of Marijuana citations for juveniles.

1. Issue the citation with NO COURT DATE, a notation on the citation should be added notifying the defendant that Probation will be contacting them.
2. A narrative should be written on the back of the Court's copy of the citation (similar to Municipal Code citations), no DR is required.
3. If an officer chooses to write a miscellaneous report, then a DR number will be required.

Additionally, citations issued to juveniles for marijuana violations cannot be combined with any other violation on the citation (example: Citation cannot include INFRACTIONS such as expired registration, speed violations, insurance, fix-it violations, etc.). If the juvenile's detention was based on a traffic violation and the officer wishes to issue the juvenile a citation for the traffic violation in addition to the Marijuana citation, then a SECOND citation for the traffic violation should be written to Traffic Court with the usual 90 day court appearance date.