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<p><i>Subject:</i></p> <p>Amended Notice Regarding Prohibition of Gun Sales on State Property</p>	<p><i>No.</i></p> <p>2024-DLE-16</p>	<p><i>Contact for information:</i></p> <p>Bureau of Firearms (916) 210-2300</p>
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TO: ALL CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

This bulletin supersedes Information Bulletin 2024-DLE-12, dated September 25, 2024.

The purpose of this bulletin is to update Information Bulletin 2024-DLE-12, which informed all California law enforcement agencies that the prohibition on the sale of firearms, firearm precursor parts, and ammunition on state property set forth in California Penal Code section 27573(a) is now in effect. Along with prohibiting the sale of firearms, firearm precursor parts, or ammunition on state property, section 27573(a) also prohibits the contracting of sales or authorization of sales. The law does not, however, prohibit offers for sale or advertising. Gun shows may lawfully occur on state property, as long as no firearms, firearm precursor parts, or ammunition are sold.

On September 25, 2024, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued its mandate in the consolidated cases of *B&L Productions, Inc. v. Newsom*, No. 23-55431, and *B&L Productions, Inc. v. Newsom*, 23-3793. The Ninth Circuit's mandate vacates a previous district court order enjoining enforcement of California Penal Code section 27573(a).

Added by Senate Bill 915 (2022), California Penal Code section 27573(a) concerns state property, including all gun shows taking place on state property, and provides:

A state officer or employee, or operator, lessee, or licensee of any state property, shall not contract for, authorize, or allow the sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition on state property or in the buildings that sit on state property or property otherwise owned, leased, occupied, or operated by the state.

Accordingly, effective immediately, firearms and ammunition may no longer be sold on state property or property otherwise owned, leased, occupied, or operated by the state. This prohibition applies to previously scheduled gun shows, with one exception: Under Penal Code section 27573(b)(3), firearms and ammunition may be sold at events on "state property that occur[] pursuant to a contract that was entered into before January 1, 2023," until the contract expires. Other exceptions to the prohibition are set forth in the statute.

The Ninth Circuit's mandate also allows California Penal Code section 27575(a), which prohibits the sale of firearms, firearm precursor parts, and ammunition specifically at any event at the Orange County Fair and Event Center, to take effect.

Added by Senate Bill 264 (2021), California Penal Code section 27575(a) concerns the Orange County Fair and Event Center and provides:

Notwithstanding any other law, an officer, employee, operator, lessee, or licensee of the 32nd District Agricultural Association, as defined in Section 3884 of the Food and Agricultural Code, shall not contract for, authorize, or allow the sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition on the property or in the buildings that comprise the OC Fair and Event Center, in the County of Orange, the City of Costa Mesa, or any successor or additional property owned, leased, or otherwise occupied or operated by the district.

Similar laws prohibiting the sale of firearms, firearm precursor parts, or ammunition specifically at Del Mar Fairgrounds in San Diego County (California Food and Agricultural Code section 4158(a)) and Ventura County Fair and Event Center in Ventura County (California Penal Code section 27575.1(a)) also remain in effect.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Firearms at (916) 210-2300.