

**SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORDER**

DATE/TIME: APRIL 4, 2024 1315 HOURS
NUMBER: OR 24-12
SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF 22210 PC
SCOPE: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: N/A

Penal Code section 22210 states:

Except as provided in Section 22215 and Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 17700) of Division 2 of Title 2, any person in this state who manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the state, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, lends, or possesses any leaded cane, or any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as a billy, blackjack, sandbag, sandclub, sap, or slungshot, is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year or imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170.

Recently, a federal court ruled that enforcement of the prohibition of “billy clubs” is unconstitutional. **Effective immediately**, all sworn Department members shall cease enforcement of Penal Code section 22210 as it relates to a billy. All other weapons described in Penal Code section 22210 remain prohibited.

The Department will continue to monitor the ruling and will update Department members if the law is further modified.

Please read at squad conferences and give a copy to all personnel.