



San Diego Police Department Officer-Involved Shootings Matrix



Under California law, peace officers may use deadly force to protect themselves from the threat of death or great bodily harm and to use reasonable force in making an arrest. In accordance with Penal Code Section 196, peace officers may use deadly force in the course of their duties under circumstances not available to members of the general public. Irrespective of any laws applicable to situations where peace officers use deadly force in accomplishing their duties, the law of self defense is available to any person. Homicide is justifiable in accordance with Penal Code 197 when resisting any attempt by a person to commit great bodily injury on or kill any person.

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