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Re: Marin County Sheriff Compliance with *Bruen* Ruling

Dear Counsel,

Thank you for your response to my September 16, 2022 letter regarding compliance with the *Bruen* ruling. As a preliminary matter, I want to thank you for bringing this issue forward. As I indicated in my previous correspondence, the Marin County Sheriff's Office ("MCSO") has been in compliance with *Bruen* since the Supreme Court ruling and updated its Concealed Carry Weapon ("CCW") policy and practice to conform to the change in law.

In your response you indicate that you have received complaints about MCSO's practice post-*Bruen*. You further indicate that people are afraid to complain to the MCSO directly because they don't want to be seen as antagonistic and possibly get their permit applications denied. Let me assure you that the MCSO follows a fair and impartial process with its CCW permit applications. As indicated at [Concealed Weapons Permits - Marin County Sheriff's Office \(marinsheriff.org\)](http://marinsheriff.org), the MCSO fairly and impartially considers all applications to carry firearms in accordance with applicable law and its policy. MCSO's CCW policy and application are found on that page.

From June 23, 2022¹, and October 4, 2022, less than a four-month period, MCSO has received over 100 applications. Prior to the change in law, MCSO would receive between 6-11 CCW applications for the same 3.5-month period for the entire County of Marin.

Due to the increase in CCW applications, the Sheriff determined he would change MCSO's long practice of processing all County of Marin CCW permits and entered into an agreement with the county's police chiefs so that each would process and determine CCW permits within its jurisdiction. (See Penal Code §26150(c)(1) (2). The intent was to make the process more efficient given the increased number of applications.

¹ *Bruen* effective date.

As such, the MCSO currently has 100+ applications within its jurisdiction for processing and review and are not aware of the amount of applications other Marin County Police Chiefs are currently handling.

I agree with your assessment that people could be impatient with the process as increasing from 24-30² CCW applications annually to 100+ in a 3.5-month period is a substantial change.

You have asked for the following:

(1) Amount of applications MCSO has received since the *Bruen* ruling;

100+ permits within its jurisdiction. That does not include the number individual police chiefs in Marin have received.

(2) Average permit processing time

The average permit processing time is dependent upon many factors. Due to the increase in permits, it is taking longer for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to send the needed permit paperwork. It takes time for the applicants to schedule interviews. For example, one applicant took 37 days to be available for an interview. From that date, the MCSO took only twenty (20) days to issue their permit.

(3) Amount of permits Marin has issued in the past few months.

As of October 4, 2022, MCSO has issued fourteen (14) CCW permits and continues to work diligently on the remaining applications.

We can give you an update in a sixty (60) days if that would be helpful on the number of permits that MCSO has processed as well as the increased number of permit applications.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Renee Giacomini Brewer
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² This number is not broken down into MCSO jurisdiction CCW applications which means the approximately 24-30 applications received were for the entire County while the 100+ number for the last 3.5 months includes only MCSO jurisdiction permits.