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Statement from Sheriff Don Barnes on modified stay-at-home orders

SANTA ANA, Ca. (November 20, 2020): Please see the statement from Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes regarding the Governor's modified stay-at-home orders.

"The Governor's latest health orders have created a significant amount of uncertainty in the community regarding the feasibility and constitutionality of enforcing modified stay-at-home orders.

"Let me be clear- this is a matter of personal responsibility and not a matter of law enforcement. Orange County Sheriff's deputies will not be dispatched to, or respond to, calls for service to enforce compliance with face coverings, social gatherings, or stay-at-home orders only. Deputies will respond to calls for potential criminal behavior and for the protection of life or property.

"Orange County residents have been diligent over the last eight months in striking a balance between protecting ourselves from COVID-19 and doing what is necessary to continue to live our lives. Collectively we must do everything we can to protect our friends, family and community. I continue to wear a face covering and practice social distancing. I encourage others to continue to do so, because it will prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"On behalf of the almost 4,000 men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, we wish you and your family a safe and healthy Thanksgiving holiday."

-Sheriff Don Barnes

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