

**SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORDER**

DATE/TIME: OCTOBER 08, 2024 1300 HOURS

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SUBJECT: TRAFFIC DIVISION MOBILE DEVICE LOCKER

SCOPE: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: DP 3.02

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The Traffic Division Investigation Unit (TIU) and Traffic Special Investigations (TSI) routinely collect cell phones, recording devices, tablets, and computers for evidence in nearly all felony collision and specialized traffic-related investigations. Changing technology, encryption, and the ability to clear a phone's memory off-site requires the investigator to block cellular, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, RFI, and GPS signals.

Preserving data is critical for these investigations, and several steps are required to prevent a possible data wipe. Due to the high volume of electronic devices seized by Traffic Division Investigators and the limited charging storage space at Headquarters (HQ), the Traffic Division has acquired a charging Faraday Locker (identical to the locker at the HQ Property Room) to reduce the utilization of the available storage space at Headquarters. (See [Department Order 23-13](#) for further details on how to use the Faraday locker.)

The Traffic Division Mobile Device Locker is located at the **(Deleted – records of security)** Property Room, **(Deleted – records of security)** , San Diego, and is only for SDPD Traffic Division Investigations.

All electronic devices impounded and stored in the Faraday Locker at the **(Deleted – records of security)** Property Room are pending warrant approvals. Once the Search Warrant has been approved, the

electronic device will be removed from the Faraday Locker and processed in accordance with DP 3.02.

All non-traffic evidentiary mobile devices needing data preservation must use the Mobile Device Locker in the SDPD HQ Property Room. The Crime Laboratory will not remove devices from the Faraday Locker located at the **(Deleted – records of security)** .

If an exceptional need arises for an investigator from another unit to utilize storage space in the Faraday Locker at Eastern Division, the Detective Sergeant from the Traffic Division Traffic Investigations Unit (TIU) or Traffic Special Investigations (TSI) may grant permission for temporary storage until it can be transferred to HQ at the earliest time possible.

If you have any questions, please contact **(Redacted – record exempt)**.

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