



SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAINING BULLETIN

TO: All Sworn Personnel

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SUBJECT: TASER Trademark

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During a recent robbery investigation, a suspect was arrested for using an electrical stun type weapon. Although the specific manufacturer of the device was unknown, the weapon was incorrectly referred to as a "TASER" weapon. The weapon used by the suspect was a generic contact stun gun, which delivers a painful shock and not a product that is manufactured by TASER International.

Officers should remember that TASER is a trademark of TASER International, Inc. In order to comply with trademark laws and to avoid unnecessary confusion, officers should only refer to the name TASER if they are certain the weapon used was manufactured by TASER International.

In cases where officers are unsure of the specific manufacturer of the electrical weapon, officers should refer to the device as an "electrical stun weapon" or "electrical stun device."

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