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In response to Gov. Brown's "freeze" order

In Multnomah County, we have a strong tradition of unifying to protect the most vulnerable members of our communities. During this pandemic, it's important that we work together to keep our community safe, including adhering to the Governor's Executive Order during the four-week Coronavirus freeze in Multnomah County.

In regards to enforcement of the order, as a Sheriff's Office, our primary objective throughout the pandemic has been to take an education first approach and to seek voluntary compliance. We recognize the challenges the pandemic and subsequent restrictions have had on all of us. We also know that the health risk is extremely high at this time, especially among BIPOC communities and vulnerable populations. We urge everyone to follow the health guidelines and restrictions, in order to create a safe community and workplace for everyone.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office will only take enforcement action as a last resort. As with most enforcement decision making, discretion will be used if/when any Executive Order enforcement action is taken. We recognize that we cannot arrest or enforce our way out of the pandemic, and we believe both are counterproductive to public health goals. We can, however, work together in following these restrictions to make our communities a safer and healthier place. We include the following recommendations when it comes to reporting Executive Order violations.

- Business/workplace violations: Please report these to Oregon OSHA.
- Restaurant/Bars: Please report these violations to OSHA or OLCC.

Local law enforcement is faced with many challenges, often receiving more police calls for service than available resources to respond. Because of this, we are asking the public to follow the above-mentioned recommendations for reporting alleged violations of the Executive Order.