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HANDCUFF & SEARCH TECHNIQUES

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- ▶ Maintain safe distance
- ▶ Should be done with backup officer(s) on scene
- ▶ Establish control by placing subject in a position of disadvantage
- ▶ Firm and clear verbal commands to prone the subject out

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- ▶ NOTE: Arresting officer's knee on shoulder blade (not neck) with no/minimal weight
- ▶ CONTROL before handcuffing first hand – sweep lower back before handcuffing second hand
- ▶ Once both hands are handcuffed, turn subject side to side to do thorough systematic search
- ▶ DO NOT approach known violent subjects without backup officer(s) on scene


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- ▶ Can be used with perceived lower risk subjects, in locations inappropriate to prone handcuffing or with severely obese subjects
- ▶ Maintain safe distance while giving commands
- ▶ Should be accomplished with backup officer(s) on scene

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- ▶ Firm and clear verbal commands to put the subject on knees, hands on head, fingers interlaced
- ▶ Grasp fingers firmly, using near knee to put subject off balance
- ▶ Search subject's waist and up only while subject is on knees

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- ▶ Handcuff Uncontrolled wrist first
- ▶ Turn handcuffed wrist down and across back to join wrists and handcuff other wrist
- ▶ Stand subject up to complete thorough and systematic search

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