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Clint B. Monfort  
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180 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 200  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Proposed Police Code § 618

Dear Mr. Monfort:

You have inquired about the scope of a proposed San Francisco ordinance, Police Code § 618, which is not yet in effect in the City and County of San Francisco.

With exceptions for military or law enforcement possession, proposed Police Code § 618 generally prohibits possession of the following kinds of ammunition in the City and County of San Francisco:

- (1) Ammunition sold under the brand name "Winchester Black Talon," or that has physical properties resulting in ballistics performance identical to ammunition presently or formerly sold under the brand name Winchester Black Talon; or,
- (2) Ammunition designated by its manufacturer for purchase by law enforcement or military agencies only, unless other ammunition is available to the general public that has physical properties resulting in ballistics performance identical to such ammunition.

With respect to the first category (Black Talon ammunition or ammunition identical to it), you have inquired whether proposed Police Code § 618 prohibits possession of all hollow-point ammunition. It does not. Instead, in specifying that prohibited ammunition must have "physical properties resulting in ballistics performance identical to" Black Talon ammunition, the proposed ordinance would prohibit possession of ammunition that is either physically identical to Black Talon ammunition or that performs identically to it in all respects.

The San Francisco Police Department would be required under the proposed ordinance to prepare a database of the kinds of ammunition that are prohibited under the ordinance. We anticipate that this database, which will be shared with the public, will provide you with further information.

Sincerely,

DENIS F. O'LEARY  
Captain – Operations Bureau