

No Knock Warrants

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No Knock Warrant Reporting

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Overview

AG Directive 2021-12 required all New Jersey law enforcement agencies to track applications for “No Knock Warrants” and provide an annual summary of those applications to the Attorney General. Agencies were required to send this information directly to their County Prosecutor (hereafter “CPO”). In turn, the CPOs were required to report whether any agency within their jurisdiction submitted any applications for no knock warrants to the Office of the Attorney General. Agencies reporting applications for no knock warrants were then required to submit counts of:

- # of applications for “No Knock” provisions applied for to the court
- # of applications for “No Knock” provisions approved by a court
- # of No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances

This report details the volume of no knock warrants for the reporting period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, the first full year reporting period since the Directive.

2022 No Knock Warrant Reporting Summary



No Knock Warrants by County

For the reporting period between January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, 10 counties reported no knock warrant applications with their jurisdictions. In total, agencies submitted 108 applications for a no knock warrant and all were approved by a court. Camden, Mercer, and Atlantic counties reported the largest volume of applications and approvals. There were only two (2) No Knock entries were justified by exigent circumstances, both occurring in Cumberland County.

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Atlantic</i>	17	17	0
<i>Bergen</i>	14	14	0
<i>Burlington</i>	0	0	0
<i>Camden</i>	22	22	0
<i>Cape May</i>	0	0	0
<i>Cumberland</i>	4	4	2
<i>Essex</i>	0	0	0
<i>Gloucester</i>	5	5	0
<i>Hudson</i>	0	0	0
<i>Hunterdon</i>	0	0	0
<i>Mercer</i>	17	17	0
<i>Middlesex</i>	10	10	0
<i>Monmouth</i>	0	0	0
<i>Morris</i>	0	0	0
<i>Ocean</i>	9	9	0
<i>Passaic</i>	0	0	0
<i>Salem</i>	0	0	0
<i>Somerset</i>	6	6	0
<i>Sussex</i>	0	0	0
<i>Union</i>	4	4	0
<i>Warren</i>	0	0	0
<i>Division of Criminal Justice</i>	0	0	0
<i>Division of Taxation</i>	0	0	0
<i>Rutgers PD</i>	0	0	0
Total	108	108	2

No Knock Warrants by County/Agency

The volume of no knock warrant applications in individual law enforcement agencies was generally small. However, most frequently applications are made by Prosecutor’s Offices.

Atlantic County No Knock Warrant Applications

Atlantic County no knock warrant applications totaled 17 for 2022. Agencies listed as “Other” were unspecified in the submission. However, these agencies are typically State-wide agencies operating within the county.

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Atlantic City PD</i>	6	6	0
<i>Atlantic County Prosecutors Office</i>	7	7	0
<i>Other¹</i>	4	4	0
Total	17	17	0

Bergen County No Knock Warrant Applications

Bergen County no knock warrant applications totaled 14 for 2022.

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Bergen County Prosecutors Office</i>	12	12	0
<i>Hackensack PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Teaneck PD</i>	1	1	0
Total	14	14	0

¹ Other refers to statewide agencies that operate within the jurisdiction of a specific county.

Camden County No Knock Warrant Applications

Camden County no knock warrant applications totaled 22 for 2022. Agencies listed as “Other” were unspecified in the submission. However, these agencies are typically State-wide agencies operating within the county.

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Bellmawr PD</i>	2	2	0
<i>Camden PD</i>	11	11	0
<i>Cherry Hill Twp PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Clementon Boro PD</i>	2	2	0
<i>Collingswood PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Gloucester City PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Lindenwold Boro PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Winslow Twp PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Woodlynne PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Other</i>	1	1	0
Total	22	22	0

Cumberland County No Knock Warrant Applications

Cumberland County no knock warrant applications totaled 4 for 2022. Agencies listed as “Other” were unspecified in the submission. However, these agencies are typically State-wide agencies operating within the county.

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Other</i>	4	4	2
Total	4	4	2

Gloucester County No Knock Warrant Applications

Gloucester County no knock warrant applications totaled 5 for 2022.

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Gloucester County Prosecutors Office</i>	5	5	0
Total	5	5	0

Mercer County No Knock Warrant Applications

Mercer County no knock warrant applications totaled 17 for 2022. Agencies listed as "Other" were unspecified in the submission. However, these agencies are typically State-wide agencies operating within the county.

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Lawrence Twp PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Mercer County Sheriffs Dept</i>	3	3	0
<i>Mercer County Prosecutors Office</i>	11	11	0
<i>Trenton PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Other</i>	1	1	0
Total	17	17	0

Middlesex County No Knock Warrant Applications

Middlesex County no knock warrant applications totaled 10 for 2022.

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Edison Twp PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office</i>	9	9	0
Total	10	10	0

Ocean County No Knock Warrant Applications

Ocean County no knock warrant applications totaled 9 for 2022.

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Brick Twp PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Lakewood PD</i>	2	2	0
<i>Ocean County Prosecutors Office</i>	6	6	0
Total	9	9	0

Somerset County No Knock Warrant Applications

Somerset County no knock warrant applications totaled 6 for 2022.

Somerset

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Somerset County Prosecutors Office</i>	6	6	0
Total	6	6	0

Union County No Knock Warrant Applications

Union County no knock warrant applications totaled 4 for 2022.

	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions applied for to the court</i>	<i>Applications for "No Knock" provisions approved by a court</i>	<i>No Knock entries justified by exigent circumstances</i>
<i>Elizabeth PD</i>	2	2	0
<i>Linden PD</i>	1	1	0
<i>Union County Prosecutors Office</i>	1	1	0
Total	4	4	0