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Fresno County District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp Urges Calm Ahead of January 20, 2021

Following the civil unrest that shocked the nation on January 6, 2021, law enforcement agencies across the country are bracing for possible uprisings against federal, state and local institutions. Fresno County District Attorney, Lisa Smittcamp, is urging all members of our community to refrain from participating in any violent or armed protest that exceed the constitutional right to peacefully assemble.

Additionally, given the heightened tensions and the possibility of further unrest targeting state capitals, citizens are discouraged from traveling to Sacramento for the purpose of protesting. Those who choose to protest at the State Capitol in spite of warnings from law enforcement, should be aware that carrying a loaded firearm onto State Capitol grounds, even with a permit, is a felony and merely one of many criminal charges that may apply to anyone engaging in violent or armed protests.

In response to these threats, federal, state and local law enforcement officials will be on high-alert in the coming days and multi-agency command-posts will be operational throughout the state, including Fresno County, in order to deter and respond to any lawlessness.

Any person participating in illegal conduct will be identified, arrested and prosecuted.

The media may email FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov with any inquires.