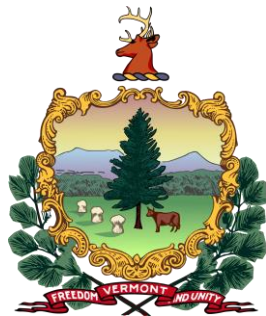


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MEMO – EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

To: Chittenden County Chiefs of Police

From: Sarah F. George, Chittenden County State's Attorney

Date: June 13, 2018

Re: Possession of Buprenorphine Charges

Chittenden County Chiefs,

Effective immediately, the Chittenden County State's Attorney's Office will decline to prosecute any citations or arrests for Misdemeanor Possession of Buprenorphine and related compounds such as Suboxone.

These drugs are intended to be life-saving and an integral part of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). They block the craving for heroin or other street opioids, minimize the chance of relapse, and help individuals reduce or abandon their use of heroin or other opioids, which in return, reduces crime, the likelihood of fatal overdoses, and recidivism.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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