

# Committee Report

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 8, 2021**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Majority of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to which was referred HB 507,**

**AN ACT prohibiting no-knock warrants. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Gary Hopper**

**FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

**MAJORITY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Criminal Justice and Public Safety</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 507</b>
Title:	<b>prohibiting no-knock warrants.</b>
Date:	<b>February 8, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

HB 507 would have stopped the use of No Knock Warrants by law enforcement. We heard testimony from NH Law Enforcement that the use of No Knock Warrants is a necessary tool that is used to apprehend dangerous criminals and are only used with the consent of a judge. The testimony we heard in favor of HB507 seemed to be based, in a large part, on out of state problems.

Vote 11-9.

Rep. Gary Hopper  
FOR THE MAJORITY

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## REGULAR CALENDAR

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

**HB 507**, prohibiting no-knock warrants. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

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**The Minority of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to which was referred HB 507,**

**AN ACT prohibiting no-knock warrants. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Amanda Bouldin**

**FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

**MINORITY  
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No-knock warrants currently allow police to initiate a raid on a property without first announcing themselves. Current police policy is to announce immediately after gaining entry; this bill would require police to instead announce immediately before gaining entry. This is a small but impactful change. The bipartisan minority of the committee agreed that while no-knock warrants might be a useful tool in some aspects, the dangers they present for bystanders and police outweigh any benefits. Also taken into consideration was the possibility that no-knock warrants might at times be served at a wrong address or a prior address now occupied by persons not sought by police, and the dangers inherent to such a small oversight. However, a primary concern of the minority was the relationship between New Hampshire's Castle Doctrine, Stand Your Ground laws, and the possibility that a suspect might open fire on police, momentarily believing him or herself to be the victim of a criminal home invasion. The committee heard testimony about a case in Texas in which a suspect was served with a no-knock warrant and the suspect shot and killed a police officer. Capital murder charges were dropped because the suspect claimed self-defense due to the police not announcing themselves immediately prior to entry. Requiring that police announce immediately before, instead of immediately after, gaining entry would prevent an argument of self-defense in the event that an officer is shot.

Rep. Amanda Bouldin  
FOR THE MINORITY

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# Voting Sheets





2021 SESSION

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill #: 507 Motion: ITL AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 2/8/2021

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Abbas, Daryl A. Chairman	11		
Welch, David A. Vice Chairman	1		
<del>Burt, John A.</del> <i>Alexander</i>	2		
Hopper, Gary S.	3		
Green, Dennis E.	4		
Wallace, Scott	5		
Testerman, Dave	6		
True, Chris	7		
Pratt, Kevin M.		1	
Marston, Dick	8		
Rhodes, Jennifer M. Clerk	9		
Harriott-Gathright, Linda C.		2	
Pantelakos, Laura C.	10		
<del>O'Hearne, Andrew S.</del>			
Bordenet, John		3	
Meuse, David		4	
Newman, Ray E.		5	
Bouldin, Amanda C.		6	
Conley, Casey M.		7	
Klein-Knight, Nicole		8	
<del>Bradley, Amy</del> <i>La Branche</i>		9	



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2021 SESSION

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill #: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL VOTE:**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 507

**BILL TITLE:** prohibiting no-knock warrants.

**DATE:** February 8, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** remote

**MOTIONS:** INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Hopper

Seconded by Rep. True

Vote: 11-9

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Jennifer Rhodes, Clerk

# Public Hearing

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 507

**BILL TITLE:** prohibiting no-knock warrants.

**DATE:** February 8, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** hybrid                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 3:40 p.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 4:00 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. Abbas, Welch, Rhodes, Burt, Hopper, Green, Wallace, Testerman, True, Pratt, Marston, Harriott-Gathright, Pantelakos, O'Hearne, Bordenet, Meuse, R. Newman, Amanda Bouldin, Conley, Klein-Knight and Bradley

**Bill Sponsors:**

Rep. Amanda Bouldin

Rep. McWilliams

Rep. Andrew Bouldin

Rep. Bordenet

Rep. Labranche

Rep. Craig

Rep. Gourgue

Rep. Meuse

Rep. Nutting-Wong

Rep. DiLorenzo

Sen. Rosenwald

Sen. Whitley

TESTIMONY

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Bouldin - Supports. Feels this will help save officers alive because occupants won't be surprised and shout.

Rep. Marston - Does this apply to just NH or to federal grants.

A. Not sure. Bill should only apply to NH

Follow up: Are you aware of the reason for a no knock warrant?

A. yes. So you can't destroy evidence.

Follow up: Are you aware of how many no knocks are in NH?

A. Those stats are not kept.

Rep. Testerman - When you announce, occupants have time to retrieve firearm

A. Not aware of any situation when that has happened.

Rep. Conley - what is criteria now?

A. would prefer an officer answer the question

Rep. Green - Are you familiar with situation in Brentwood?

A. No

Green - described, asked, isn't there a reason we have no knock warrants?

Rep. LaBranche - Support - Not knowing who is at your door creates concern.

Rep Hopper - Have any gone array since new guidelines from Attorney General?

Norm Silber - opposed. Reasons to keep them are many. Perhaps an amend to current law.

Sgt. Ditullio - support - Highly effective. N o situations in NH have ever caused concern.

Rep Conley - Could explain process for no-knock.

A. immediately after entrance - Loud. PA announcements are made.

follow up: Would you be able to arrest these people outside of home.

A. Yes. We do when possible.

Rep. Hopper - Any issues after new AG guidelines?

A. None

Rep. Marston - Is it true you must obtain from federal judge?

A. only if federal case.

follow up

How many in past year?

A. do not have #. maybe 50

Harriett-Gathright - What additional safety has been added to no-knock?

A. Do not have new guidelines

Rep. Abbas - If office feels safety is in jeopardy would that be a reason for no-knock?

A. yes. months of investigation

Sophia Biondolillo - support. NH - Promote safety and end police brutality.

Sheri Womack - support. Explained concerns with no-knock

Sgt. Michael Lang - support - Offers tremendous advantage to officers. prevents ambush

Rep. Newman - Is safety always a concern with firearms and the only concern?

A. No. Situations are always different.

follow up: Would you support if it stopped allowance of evidence?

A. No

Rep. Meuse - When did these become a tool to use.

A. not sure, most likely 80's war on drugs.

follow up: How do you evaluate success

A. Risk assessment

Rep. Bordonet - Have you ever gone to incorrect address?

A. Yes. did not enter. discovered it was 1 apartment above.

Rep. Conley - How many officers and people have been injured?

A. 1 officer cut hand. no bi standers.

Rep. Pratt - Do you have home invasion #'s?

A. Often. regular basis

follow up - How would homeowner know difference.

A. They are announced at entry with PA system.

Rep. Klein-Knight - How do you modify community when its a multi family situation.

A. evacuate best as possible prior.

Follow up - what about children?

A. Make every effort that children are not home. If not they notify parents.

Mark Morison - opposed. Terrible idea. it is an essential tool.

Rep. Meuse - Standard NH vs other states.

A. Neutral judges must sign off. not anyone else.

Follow up - has your dept updated protocols after last summer incident?

A. Not aware

Rep. Newman - Are all no-knocks approved by judge?

A. a search warrant has to be given by judge.

Joseph Ebert - opposed. All points have already been mentioned.

JR Hoell - opposed. Feels they can be done better.

Q. Alexander - you are in opposition? Testimony was confusing

A. yes. just think they can be done better

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jennifer Rhodes, Clerk

# House Remote Testify

## Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee Testify List for Bill HB507 on 2021-02-08

Support: 100 Oppose: 11 Neutral: 2 Total to Testify: 14

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Davis, Melissa	melissalynndavis@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	NH Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers	Support	Yes (5m)	No	2/6/2021 8:35 PM
Bouldin, Amanda	amanda.bouldin@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Hillsborough District 12	Support	Yes (5m)	No	2/8/2021 12:47 AM
Silber, Rep Norm	njs@silbersnh.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	Yes (4m)	No	2/5/2021 10:52 AM
Labranche, Rep. Tony	tony.labranche.public@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	2/7/2021 10:47 PM
DiTullio, Gregory	gditulli@manchesternh.gov	A Member of the Public	Manchester Police Department	Oppose	Yes (3m)	No	2/4/2021 3:31 PM
Morrison, Mark	mmorrison@londonderrynhpd.org	A Member of the Public	NHPA	Oppose	Yes (3m)	No	2/7/2021 11:57 PM
Ebert, Joseph	joseph.ebert@dos.nh.gov	State Agency Staff	NH State Police	Neutral	Yes (3m)	No	2/8/2021 11:42 AM
Lang, Michael	langm@nashuapd.com	A Member of the Public	Nashua Police Department	Oppose	Yes (2m)	No	2/8/2021 10:53 AM
Hruska, Jeanne	Jeanne@aclu-nh.org	A Lobbyist	ACLU-NH	Support	Yes (2m)	No	2/7/2021 12:09 PM
Hoell, JR	jr@jrhoell.com	A Member of the Public	Myself and New Hampshire Firearms Coalition	Support	Yes (2m)	No	2/8/2021 7:55 AM
Biondolillo, Sophia	sophiabiondolillo@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	New Hampshire High School Democrats	Support	Yes (2m)	No	2/8/2021 9:38 AM
Womack, Sheri	snobrdrinh@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (10m)	No	2/6/2021 10:15 AM
MERSFELDER, J DAVID	JDMERS2@YAHOO.COM	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	Yes (0m)	No	2/6/2021 2:17 PM
Vanbibber, Rolf	cheesierolf@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (0m)	No	2/8/2021 4:30 PM
Rich, Cecilia	ceciliarich@hotmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/8/2021 4:54 PM
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Booras, Efstathia	efstathia.Booras@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Constituents	Support	No	No	2/9/2021 11:59 AM



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Harriott-Gathright, Linda	linda.HarriottGathright@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Constituents	Support	No	No	2/8/2021 11:02 AM
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Russell, Scott	srussell@nhpd.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/8/2021 2:00 PM
Cohen, Leah	leah.cohen11@tufts.edu	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/8/2021 2:03 PM
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# Testimony

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Hello,

Attached please find my written testimony on behalf of NHACDL in HB507 and an attached article. I signed up to testify, but don't believe I will be able to do so. Please let me know if there are any issues. Thank you.

Melissa Davis  
NHACDL Board Member

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Dear Committee Members:

Though I have already voiced my support for HB-507, relative to the prohibition of the execution of No Knock Warrants, I wish to submit this written testimony.

Source: [en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/No-knock\\_warrant](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/No-knock_warrant)

Critics argue that no-knock warrants were prone to lead to deadly use of force by police and the deaths of innocent people. No-knock warrants also conflict with the right to self-defense, "stand-your-ground" laws, and the **\*Castle Doctrine** which explicitly permit the use of deadly force against intruders.

*nb\* A **castle doctrine**, also known as a **castle law** or a **defense of habitation law**, is a legal doctrine that designates a person's abode or any legally occupied place (for example, a vehicle or home) as a place in which that person has protections and immunities permitting one, in certain circumstances, to use force (including deadly force) to defend oneself against an intruder, free from legal prosecution.]*

Very truly yours,

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Hello! Attached is my testimony on HB507.

Thanks,  
Amanda

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Dear members of the committee,

I would encourage all of you to listen to this tragedy of a story when you vote on this bill. No knock warrants should be used very infrequently and every caution to make sure that the correct house is in place.

"The drug raid at the residence of Cheye Calvo, then-mayor of [Berwyn Heights, Maryland](#), was a controversial action taken by the [Prince George's County Sheriff's Office](#) and [Police Department](#) on July 29, 2008. The raid was the culmination of an investigation that began in [Arizona](#), where a package containing 32 pounds (15 kg) of [marijuana](#) was intercepted in a warehouse, addressed to the mayor's residence. Instead of confiscating the package, police allowed it to be delivered. Upon arrival, a [SWAT](#) team raided the house and held Calvo and his mother-in-law at gunpoint, and shot and killed his two dogs, one as it attempted to run away.

The event gained national and international media attention. While the Calvos were cleared of wrongdoing, the police were accused by the Calvo family and [civil rights](#) groups of lacking a proper [search warrant](#), using [excessive force](#), and failure to conduct a proper [background investigation](#) of the home being raided—the investigation was so cursory that the sheriff's office was unaware that Calvo was the mayor. Despite the criticisms, no action has been taken against the officers or their respective police departments. In August 2010, Sheriff [Michael A. Jackson](#) stated that: "We've apologized for the incident, but we will never apologize for taking drugs off our streets. Quite frankly, we'd do it again. Tonight."<sup>[1]</sup>

This mayor involved in this story spoke in NH in 2012  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUTSehSF6pA>

The wikipedia story is below.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berwyn\\_Heights,\\_Maryland\\_mayor%27s\\_residence\\_drug\\_raid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berwyn_Heights,_Maryland_mayor%27s_residence_drug_raid)

Best efforts to make the system as good as possible when conducting no knock warrants is needed. I would ask that the committee make sure every possible protection for the citizens is in place when these are used.

Regards,  
JR Hoell  
Dunbarton, NH

Bill as  
Introduced

HB 507 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0748

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HOUSE BILL            **507**

AN ACT                prohibiting no-knock warrants.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Rep. McWilliams, Merr. 27; Rep. Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Rep. Bordenet, Ches. 5; Rep. Labranche, Hills. 22; Rep. Craig Coos 4; Rep. Gourgue, Straf. 25; Rep. Meuse, Rock. 29; Rep. Nutting-Wong, Hills. 32; Rep. DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15

COMMITTEE:          Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits a law enforcement officer from seeking, executing, or participating in the execution of a no-knock search warrant.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

AN ACT prohibiting no-knock warrants.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 Search Warrants; Requisites of Warrant; No-Knock Warrants Prohibited. Amend RSA 595-  
2 A:2 to read as follows:

3 595-A:2 Requisites of Warrant.

4 ***I.*** Search warrants shall designate or describe the person, building, vessel, or vehicle to be  
5 searched and shall particularly describe the property or articles to be searched for. They shall be  
6 substantially in the form prescribed in RSA 595-A:3 and shall be directed to a sheriff or his deputy or  
7 to a constable or police officer, commanding him to search in the daytime, or if the warrant so  
8 directs, in the nighttime, the person, building, vessel, or vehicle where the property or articles for  
9 which he is required to search are believed to be concealed, and to bring such property or articles  
10 when found, and the persons in whose possession they are found, before any circuit or superior court  
11 named therein.

12 ***II.*** ***No law enforcement officer shall seek, execute, or participate in the execution of***  
13 ***a no-knock search warrant. In this paragraph, a "no-knock search warrant" is a warrant***  
14 ***that authorizes law enforcement officers to enter certain premises to execute a warrant***  
15 ***without first knocking or announcing their presence. Any law enforcement officer involved***  
16 ***in executing a search warrant shall be recognizable and identifiable as a uniformed law***  
17 ***enforcement officer and provide audible notice of the officer's authority and purpose***  
18 ***reasonably expected to be heard by occupants of such place to be searched prior to the***  
19 ***execution of such search warrant. The executing officer shall, before entering the***  
20 ***premises, give appropriate notice of the identity, authority, and purpose of the officer to the***  
21 ***person to be searched, or to the person in apparent control of the premises to be searched.***  
22 ***The officer may break open any outer door, inner door, window or any part of a house, or***  
23 ***anything therein, to execute the warrant if, after due notice of the officer's authority and***  
24 ***purpose, the officer is refused admittance to the house or access to anything therein. No***  
25 ***evidence obtained from a search warrant in violation of this paragraph shall be admitted***  
26 ***into evidence for the state in any prosecution.***

27 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.