



**DATE:** November 30, 2018  
**TO:** All Personnel  
**FROM:** Wayne Scott, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** **Special Order 2018-17**

The Greensboro Police Department recognizes that sometimes it is necessary to use a higher level of restraint than handcuffing. For this purpose, training is provided in the use of the RIPP Hobble device and flexicuffs.

Effective immediately, the following guidelines will apply when utilizing these maximum restraint techniques:

- The RIPP Hobble or flexicuffs may be utilized to bind together the ankles and/or legs of a combative prisoner or individual to restrict the independent movement of the feet or legs.
- However, neither the RIPP Hobble nor flexicuffs will be linked to the wrists/handcuffs of a combative prisoner or individual during their use.
- Neither during the application of the RIPP Hobble or flexicuffs, nor while the prisoner or individual is restrained by the RIPP Hobble or flexicuffs, shall a person's feet be positioned such that it bends the person's legs behind them to prevent stress being placed on the arrestee's chest muscles or diaphragm which might contribute to a positional asphyxia situation.

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