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September 15, 2015

The Honorable Glenda Sanders
Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Response to the 2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury Investigation "The Mental Illness Revolving Door: A Problem for Police, Hospitals, and the Health Care Agency."

Dear Judge Sanders:

The City of Santa Ana has received and reviewed the 2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury Investigation "The Mental Illness Revolving Door: A Problem for Police, Hospitals, and the Health Care Agency." In accordance with Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the Santa Ana Police Department was asked to respond to two findings and recommendations.

F.1. Deputy Sheriffs and police officers receive insufficient training on how to evaluate and handle the mentally ill in the field.

Response: Yes, the Santa Ana Police Department agrees with F.1.

F.2. Deputy Sheriffs and police officers receive insufficient training regarding Laura's Law.

Response: Yes, the Santa Ana Police Department agrees with F.2.

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R.1. All law enforcement officers should receive at least 40 hours of comprehensive Crisis Intervention Training on how to handle and evaluate the mentally ill in the field with periodic refresher training. (F.1.)

Response:

The recommendation has been implemented. The 40 hour requirement of comprehensive Crisis Intervention Training has been added to the Santa Ana Police Department Training matrix. An immediate assessment of officers that fulfill the requirement will be conducted immediately and completed by January 2016. Scheduling officers in need of the training will commence in February 2016.

R.2. All law enforcement officers should receive mandatory and specific training regarding Laura's Law. (F.2.)

Response:

The recommendation has been implemented. Laura's Law Training has been added to the Santa Ana Police Department Training matrix and will commence in February 2016.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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