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# CITY OF BUENA PARK

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Police Department

Corey S. Sianez, Chief of Police

February 6, 2013

Honorable Thomas J. Borris  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Your Honor:

The Buena Park Police Department has reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury report, "Sex Trafficking of Girls," released on June 22, 2012. According to this report, the Grand Jury is requesting a response to the report on Findings 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7, in addition to Recommendations 1, 2 and 3. The California Penal Code requires we respond in the following manner:

As to each Grand Jury finding, our entity shall indicate one of the following:

- (1) The respondent agrees with the finding.
- (2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefore.

We, the responding entity, shall also report one of the following actions:

- (1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.
- (2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a time frame for implementation.
- (3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.
- (4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefore.

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### **Grand Jury Findings**

**Finding 1:** The Human Trafficking Task Force recognized that more law enforcement training is needed in sex trafficking.

**Response:** The Buena Park Police Department agrees with this finding.

**Finding 3:** Child victims of sex trafficking are often misidentified. Due to lack of proper identification of the child's age, law enforcement agencies may be unable to charge the trafficker/pimp with child related sex trafficking violations.

**Response:** The Buena Park Police Department agrees with this finding.

**Finding 4:** Trafficked minors often flee non-secure shelters. Law enforcement and prosecutors may request detention of a child to protect them from repeated exploitation by pimps.

**Response:** The Buena Park Police Department agrees with this finding

**Finding 5:** Penal Code Section 1275.1 allows the courts to set conditions on bail, including presenting probable cause that the bail money (or the security for the bond) was illegally obtained. The provision allows law enforcement and the courts to hold perpetrators, which may keep them from intimidating and victimizing young girls once released.

**Response:** The Buena Park Police Department agrees with this finding.

**Finding 7:** Currently no database is available to law enforcement agencies to check and identify victims of sex trafficking.

**Response:** The Buena Park police Department agrees with this finding.

### **Grand Jury Recommendations**

**Recommendation 1:**

Police and Sheriff Departments should provide additional training for officers to clarify law enforcement's understanding and awareness of minor sex trafficking of girls.

**Response:**

The Buena Park Police Department implemented this recommendation. Buena Park Police Officers have received training from the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force on the subjects of international and domestic human trafficking awareness, human smuggling and how first responders can identify and conduct preliminary investigations related to human trafficking.

**Recommendation 2:**

The Sheriff's Department, city police departments, and responsible Orange County agencies should develop a database using a single term as "Minor Sex Trafficking" to allow the trafficked victims to be systematically tracked with the result of a proper identification and status as a victim of a crime. A consistent label for the crime would allow multiple agencies, communities, and regions to research and intervene in a single coordinated effort.

**Response:**

Based on a low volume of reported cases involving human trafficking, this entity recommends using a county-wide database already in place, Cop-Link, to record (or flag) specified victims of human trafficking. The likelihood of a special database for this issue consistently being used properly by county entities is unlikely, in our opinion, mainly due to the numerous databases already in place.

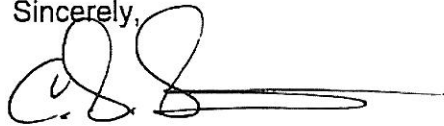
**Recommendation 3:**

Law enforcement agencies and district attorneys should consider using the provisions of California Penal Code 1275.1 more frequently if they have cause to believe that the source of bail money for a "pimp" or "john" was illegally obtained.

**Response:**

The Buena Park Police Department has implemented this recommendation.

Sincerely,



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cc: Orange County Grand Jury ✓  
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