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May 10, 2013

Mr. Nindy Mahal
Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: SEX TRAFFICKING GIRLS

Dear Nindy:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on these 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."

The Police Department conducted Briefing training specific to minors involved in human trafficking on October 28 and 30, 2012. The training consisted of the Shared Hope International training video titled "Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking – Prostituted Children in the U.S."

- Recommendation #2: "The Sheriff's Department, city police departments and responsible Orange County agencies should develop a data base using a single term such 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 crime. A consistent label for the crime would allow multiple agencies, communities and regions to research and intervene in a single coordinated effort."

As noted in the Police Department's previous response, the Police Department believes this recommendation requires a wider, regional effort, which the Department is not in a position to engage in unilaterally. Having said that, the Department has created an internal records code to track all human trafficking cases. Since there has been a low occurrence of this in our community, we chose to have a more generic term to capture all human trafficking cases, which will allow the Department to quickly track cases involving minors if this information is ever required.

The Police Department believes that at this time it has responded to the inquiries and recommendations of the Orange County Grand Jury's report regarding the Sex Trafficking of Young Girls.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark McCurdy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "C" at the end.

MARK MCCURDY
MAYOR