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August 21, 2012

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

Dear Judge Borris:

On June 13, 2012, Chief Llorens received the Orange County Grand Jury report titled, "Elder Abuse: The Perfect Storm." The Grand Jury requested the Fountain Valley Police Department respond to the following:

Finding #3:

"Reviewing procedures in law enforcement agencies, law enforcement academies under Orange County government jurisdiction and the District Attorney's office could improve recognition of elder abuse."

The Police Department agrees with this finding.

Recommendation #5:

"By December 31, 2012, The Sheriff's Department and city police departments should evaluate and update their programs on responding to elder abuse cases."

The Police Department has implemented this recommendation.

Department Policy Manual:

The Police Chief and his Staff reviewed the Department's Policy Manual section governing elder abuse and found it to be in compliance with State mandates. A copy is attached.

At the Chief's request, his Staff reviewed their response to elder abuse cases for 2011. During 2011, the Fountain Valley Police Department investigated 17 elder abuse cases. Subsequent to these investigations, six arrests were made for elder abuse, six cases were closed as suspended, two complaints were issued, two cases were refused by the District Attorney's Office, and one case was unfounded.


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The Police Department currently has no active cases being investigated as they relate to elder abuse. The Chief has reported that he is certain the Police Department reacts quickly and aggressively to combat elder abuse in our community.

Sincerely,


JOHN J. COLLINS
MAYOR

c: Orange County Grand Jury
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