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October 10, 2012

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

Dear Judge Borris:

In compliance with California Penal Code §933.05 (a) and (b), the City of Newport Beach and its Police Department provides the following response to the 2011-2012 Orange County Grand Jury report, "**Elder Abuse: The Perfect Storm.**" During its public meeting on October 9, 2012, the Newport Beach City Council approved this response.

FINDING:

F3: 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 City of Newport Beach and its Police Department agrees with this finding.

RECOMMENDATION:

R5: 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 City of Newport Beach, through its Police Department, has implemented this recommendation. The Newport Beach Police Department has assigned this task to Lieutenant Jeff Brouwer. He will conduct a comprehensive review of the Department's policies and programs for responding to elder abuse and make recommendations for improvement. The evaluation and update of programs for responding to elder abuse cases will be completed prior to December 31, 2012. The Department will further coordinate additional training for first responders as well as Investigators who conduct follow-up investigations for crimes against elders. This training will take place during calendar year 2013.

Sincerely,

Nancy Gardner
Mayor of Newport Beach

cc: The Orange County Grand Jury
City of Newport Beach Council Members
Police Chief Jay R. Johnson
Police Captain Dale Johnson