

September 11, 2012

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

Ref: Orange County Grand Jury Report on Sex Trafficking of Girls

Presiding Judge Borris,

The Seal Beach Police Department is in receipt of the Orange County Grand Jury report titled, "Sex Trafficking of Girls." After thoroughly reviewing the report and agreeing with its findings, the Seal Beach Police Department is pleased to report the following progress on the listed recommendations.

- 1) *Police Departments should provide further training to clarify law enforcement's understanding and awareness of sex trafficking in girls.* Our process of training the staff, and field officers, began with a command level review of the Grand Jury report. The report was shared with the officers during their briefing sessions during the month of September. Staff is also scheduling a guest speaker from CSP (Community Services Programs) to attend day and evening shift briefings in order to present the issues first hand. Finally, informational cards from the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force were given to all of the officers.
- 2) *Child victims of sex crime are often misidentified.* Staff has been trained on the availability of external databases and resources that enhance the identification ability of involved parties.
- 3) *Police Departments should develop a data base using a single term such as "Minor Sex Trafficking" to allow victims to be tracked.* The Support Services Division has begun an audit system so that any potential victims can be identified and tracked. Thus far, no identifiable victims have been entered into our database.

- 4) *Law Enforcement agencies should consider using the provisions of California Penal Code 1275.1 more frequently.* Staff has been advised to use the request for “no bail” when appropriate, such as any time that the sex trafficking of girls is identified as being involved in the crime.

As mentioned, the Seal Beach Police Department has not come into contact with any known sex trafficking victims, but the additional training will help all of the staff identify any future victims.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Kilmer", written over a horizontal line.

KEITH L. KILMER
Chief of Police

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