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Honorable Thomas J. Borris
Presiding Judge
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Borris:

Contained herein is the Huntington Beach Police Department response to the findings and recommendations in the Orange County Grand Jury report titled, Elder Abuse: "The Perfect Storm".

Findings

F3. I am in agreement that 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.

Recommendations

R5. In regards to the recommendation from the Orange County Grand Jury, the Huntington Beach Police Department is in the process of implementing this recommendation. We are currently reviewing our protocol and policy on responding to elder abuse cases. Our evaluation and update, if necessary, will be completed by December 31, 2012.

We welcome this opportunity to review our protocol in responding to cases involving this important matter. We recognize the ongoing need to assess and determine the best practices available in responding to and investigating suspected cases of elder abuse.

Please feel free to contact me if have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Kenneth W. Small
Chief of Police

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