

Thursday August 21, 2012

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

Ref: Sex Trafficking of Girls Report

Dear Presiding Judge Borris,

The Laguna 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 Laguna 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 July. Staff also had a guest speaker from CSP (Community Services Programs) attend day and evening shift briefings in order to present the issued first hand. Finally, informational cards from the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force were given to all of the officers.
- 2) 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 Team 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.
- 3) 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. Any time that the sex trafficking of women is identified as being involved in the crime.

As mentioned, the Laguna 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.

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Respectfully,

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