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August 20, 2012

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

Re: Grand Jury Report: "Elder Abuse: The Perfect Storm."  
City of Orange Police Department Response

Dear Judge Borris:

The following is the City of Orange Police Department's response to the findings and recommendations contained in the Grand Jury's Report, "Elder Abuse: The Perfect Storm." The Orange Police Department was asked to respond to Findings F.3 and Recommendations R.5.

## **Finding**

F.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.

## **Response**

The Orange Police Department **agrees** with the finding that reviewing procedures regarding elder abuse, Policy 326, could improve recognition of elder abuse.

## **Recommendation**

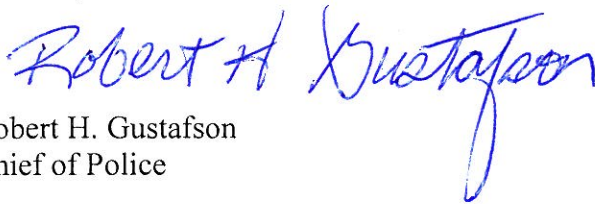
R.5: By December 31, 2012, the Sheriff's Department and city police departments should evaluate and update their programs on responding to elder abuse cases.

**Response**

The Orange Police Department has reviewed its policy related to elder abuse response and reporting. It is currently up to date and consistent with state law. Prior to December 31, 2012, the department will provide training in patrol briefings on Orange Police Department Policy 326 and specifically section 326.4, Officer's Response to Reports of Elder Abuse.

Thank you for your service and efforts on behalf of the Orange Police Department for promoting awareness and protection of our county's elderly and dependent adults.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Gustafson  
Chief of Police