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

Re. Elder Abuse: The Perfect Storm

Dear Presiding Judge Borris,

The Seal Beach Police Department is in receipt of the Orange County Grand Jury report titled, "Elder Abuse: The Perfect Storm." 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 finding and recommendation.

Finding F3:

- 1) *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 Seal Beach Police Department agrees with this finding.***

Recommendation R5:

- 2) *By December 31, 2012, the Sheriff's Department and city police departments should evaluate and update their programs on responding to elder abuse cases. **This recommendation has been implemented by the Seal Beach Police Department. The Seal Beach Police Department does have a specific elder abuse policy. This policy is reviewed and evaluated by staff annually and updated if necessary. The Police Department will conduct specific briefing training on elder abuse topics five times during 2012. The Seal Beach Police Department continually trains field personnel on how to identify elder abuse victims. The Investigative staff is routinely trained on how to identify elder abuse via economic crime since this is the most common form of abuse in Seal Beach. The City of Seal Beach does have a large demographic of senior citizens who reside in a large retirement community. The Seal Beach Police Department is always working with our stakeholders on updating and/or creating new programs to address elder abuse cases.***

We appreciate the informative report and the attention to a very important and often unreported crime.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Kilmer".

KEITH KILMER, CHIEF OF POLICE