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Dear Judge Stock:

I have reviewed the 2005 - 2006 Orange County Grand Jury report "Improving Child Abuse Response" In compliance with Penal Code 933.05(a) and (b), I have prepared the following response.

The Huntington Beach Police Response to Findings:

Finding 6.2 Expansion of the enhancement protocol is planned

Once social worker capacity is increased to the level that the City of Huntington Beach may be adequately served, the Field Response Protocol will be welcomed.

Finding 6.3 Law enforcement agency procedures and training on child abuse response

The Huntington Beach Police Department stands ready to implement necessary training and include appropriate protocols into its procedures.

The Huntington Beach Police Response to recommendations:

Recommendation 7.1 Law enforcement agency acceptance of SSA Field Response Protocol

Based on the Grand Jury report on child abuse response, it appears that the test police agencies of Anaheim, Santa Ana and Tustin had success when the protocol was implemented. Based on that success, the Huntington Beach Police Department would welcome the implementation of the protocol once the social worker capacity has been increased.

Recommendation 7.2 Law enforcement training on the enhanced protocol

The Huntington Beach Police Department stands ready to implement necessary training and include appropriate protocols into its procedures.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Small
Chief of Police

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