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May 3, 2006

Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock Presiding Judge of the Superior Court 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Stock:

This correspondence is in reference to the recent Orange County Jury Report, "Improving Child Abuse Response," published on May 2, 2006. Per your request, I have responded to Finding 6.2 and 6.3, and Recommendations 7.1 and 7.2.

Responses to Findings:

- 6.2 The Irvine Police Department supports the expansion of Social Services' Enhanced Field Response Protocol. We plan to participate in this program when we receive an invitation from the Department of Social Services.
- 6.3 The Irvine Police Department does have a Child Abuse Reporting Policy. As we are not participating in the Pilot Program at this time, our policy does not reflect the enhanced response protocol.

Responses to Recommendations:

- 7.1 Once we receive an invitation to participate in this program, we plan to accept this offer and work in partnership with Social Services to streamline the process to find proper care for at-risk children.
- 7.2 Once we have agreed to participate in this program, we plan to revise our Child Abuse Reporting Policy to reflect Social Services' enhanced field response protocol. We also plan to provide our patrol officers, detectives and other first-responders in the facets of the new protocol.

Please call me if you have any further questions at (949) 724-7101.

Sincerely.

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Chief of Police

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