

ANAHEIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Response to the Orange County Grand Jury Report

*“A Child at Risk: Missed
Opportunities to Save a Life”*



August 2004



City of Anaheim
POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 6, 2004

Frederick P. Horn
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Orange
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: A Child at Risk: Missed Opportunities to Save a Life

Dear Judge Horn:

The Orange County Grand Jury produced a report entitled "A Child at Risk: Missed Opportunities to Save a Life." In the Grand Jury report, the Anaheim Police Department was specifically requested to respond to two listed findings (findings 3 & 7) and one recommendation (recommendation 7) pursuant to Penal Code 933.05(f). The City of Anaheim is providing the following responses to the Grand Jury.

FINDING

3. "The Anaheim Police Department failed to acknowledge two prior responses to the female child victim's address on Oct. 17, 2001, and Oct. 18, 2001, and no reports of those responses were written."

RESPONSE

On November 10, 2003 at approximately 1440 hours, the Anaheim Police Department received a subpoena from the Orange County Grand Jury. The subpoena duces tecum was dated November 7, 2003 and signed by the Honorable Daniel J. Didier, Judge of the Superior Court of Orange County. A corresponding Declaration in Support of Subpoena Duces Tecum was dated November 7, 2003 and signed by Mr. Jan Hagan (Addendum A).

This subpoena requested the custodian of records to produce "All records for all dispatched police units initiated on police department computer system from November 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002 to 922 North Harbor Blvd. and 922 ½ North Harbor Blvd. in City of Anaheim. DR Report #02-13457"

The requested information was submitted to the Grand Jury in compliance to the issued subpoena on a document entitled "TIMELINE - 02-13457 - [REDACTED]". That document contained five entries associated with the two addresses from March 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002 (Addendum B).

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Finding 3 of the Grand Jury's report states, "The Anaheim Police Department failed to acknowledge two prior responses to the female child victim's address on Oct. 17, 2001, and Oct. 18, 2001." These dates do not fall within the dates requested on the subpoena issued by the Grand Jury. However, the Police Department searched their computer for all calls for service to the listed location and located 1 call for service on October 17, 2001 and 2 calls for service on October 18, 2001. These police responses were included in the Department's response to the subpoena (Addendum B).

The second component of Finding 3 relates to the fact that "no reports of those responses were written." This portion of the finding relates to the police responses to the associated addresses on October 17, 2001 and October 18, 2001. The following are a synopsis of the nature of these calls for service and the actions of the Police Department on those dates.

October 17, 2001, 10:46 A.M.:

The Police Department received a "911" hang-up call from 922 North Harbor Boulevard. The caller did not provide any information and hung up. Police officers were dispatched to the location. The officers were unable to contact anyone at the residence; there was no answer when the dispatch center called back and nothing appeared to be suspicious. The officers cleared the call and no report was taken or required. This incident was not associated with 922 ½ North Harbor Boulevard and there were no details provided or developed related to allegations of child abuse.

October 18, 2001, 11:28 A.M.:

A Spanish speaking reporting party called the Police Department from 922 ½ North Harbor Boulevard. The caller reported that the resident, [REDACTED] had a seven-month-old who cried abnormally loud. The caller thought the baby was being struck by someone, but did not know for a fact the child was being struck. The caller requested the call to be confidential and stated she had not seen any marks on the child. The officer contacted the mother of [REDACTED]. She told the officers the baby was previously taken to Kaiser Hospital on October 16, 2001, x-rays were taken and they proved negative. The mother also told officers the baby was teething. The officers did not see anything unusual and cleared the call documenting the mother's comments in the call history. There were no signs of abuse requiring a report to be written or reporting to the Child Abuse Registry.

It should be noted the child was in fact taken to Kaiser Pediatric Clinic for a bruise on the left cheek. The child's leg was also examined and determined to have a strain. The Police Department and Child Abuse Registry were not called by the hospital staff.

October 18, 2001, 9:07 P.M.:

A caller requesting to remain anonymous called the Police Department from 922 ½ North Harbor Boulevard to report the neighbor, living north of her residence, was smoking marijuana. Officers responded and were unable to locate a problem. The officers cleared the call and no report was taken or required.

It should be noted there were conversations with a member(s) of the Grand Jury prior to the issuance of the subpoena in which the topic of child abuse in Orange County was discussed. It is possible that during these conversations, police responses to 922 North Harbor Boulevard and 922 ½ North Harbor Boulevard were discussed, but it is unknown to what extent these responses were discussed.

The Anaheim Police Department believes there was one official request made by the Grand Jury regarding police responses to 922 North Harbor Boulevard and 922 ½ North Harbor Boulevard. This request came on November 10, 2003 in the form of a subpoena. In its response to the subpoena, entitled "TIMELINE - 02-13457 - [REDACTED]" the Anaheim Police Department disclosed all responses to the listed address.

FINDING

7. "Despite the inability of the Social Services Agency and the Anaheim Police Department to confirm abuse of the FCV, an aggregation of facts/observations might have revealed a pattern of abuse."

RESPONSE

The Anaheim Police Department responded to two calls for service regarding possible child abuse at 922 ½ North Harbor Boulevard from March 1, 2001 to March 25, 2002. The first response occurred on October 18, 2001 and the second response occurred on January 17, 2002.

In each instance, officers conducted an investigation appropriate to the facts presented to them. During the January 17, 2002 incident, the officer went as far as conducting a visual inspection of the child after having the child disrobed by a parent. The officers involved in these two incidents acted appropriately and did not find sufficient legal cause to initiate any further criminal investigation nor did their situations meet the threshold of reporting the incident to the Child Abuse Registry.

The aggregation of all the facts obtained by police officers during each of the police responses, would not have resulted in a different outcome since there was no evidence obtained to substantiate child abuse. A different outcome could have been reached if police personnel would have been made aware of the information obtained by medical personnel and witnesses who did not disclose their knowledge until after the death of the child.

RECOMMENDATION

7. "The Anaheim Police Department increase the training of its personnel in recognizing child abuse. The department should avail itself of the training opportunities offered by the Social Services Agency in child-abuse recognition and reporting responsibilities of mandated reporters. (Finding 3)"

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RESPONSE

The Anaheim Police Department agrees with this recommendation. The Anaheim Police Department conducted training for the entire Patrol Bureau during the months of February and March of 2004. The training consisted of four hours in the handling of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault investigations. The curriculum included the identification and investigation of child abuse cases, working with Social Services and the mandatory reporting requirements. This training was provided by a P.O.S.T. certified instructor. In addition, the Anaheim Police Department offers information to the public and its police officers in the form of pamphlets in the areas of domestic violence, child abuse and elder abuse (Addendum C). Additionally, information related to child abuse related crimes and the method of reporting such crimes are available on the Anaheim Police Department website (Addendum D).

The Anaheim Police Department has traditionally taken advantage of training opportunities offered by the Social Services Agency. Specifically, the department utilizes the eight-hour curriculum offered by the Orange County Department of Social Services, through the Child Abuse Services Team. The curriculum entitled "First Responders to a Child Physical Abuse" is given to patrol officers. Another course offered by Social Services is the "Child Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Exams." This course is more appropriate for officers assigned to an investigative detail. Therefore, investigators assigned child sexual assault related cases are sent to this course in order to increase their level of expertise in this area.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WELTER
CHIEF OF POLICE

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Attachments

c: Curt Pringle, Mayor, City of Anaheim
David M. Morgan, City Manager, City of Anaheim
City Council, City of Anaheim

ADDENDUM A

ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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Fax No: (714) 834-5555

BEFORE THE GRAND JURY

COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In re: The Matter of the)	
Grand Jury Investigation of)	SUBPOENA
Orange County Social Services)	DUCES TECUM
Agency and City of Anaheim)	
Police Department)	
_____)	

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO:
CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS FOR ANAHEIM POLICE DEPARTMENT
425 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA

1. **YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR AS A WITNESS IN THIS MATTER,** And bring with you the Documents, Records, or other writings specified in the attached Declaration of Jan Hagan, a member of the Orange County Grand Jury, unless you make an Agreement with the Person named in Item No. 4 below.
2. **THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF APPEARANCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:**
November 21, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., in the
Hearing Room of the Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701
3. **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN PERSON,** if you produce the records described in the attached Declaration of Jan Hagan, along with a completed declaration of the Custodian of Records in compliance with California Evidence Code Sections 1560(b), 1561, and 1562. (1) Place a copy of the records in an envelope or other wrapper, and enclose the declaration of the Custodian of Records and seal the envelope. (2) Attach a copy of this Subpoena to the envelope, and write on the envelope your name and the date and time indicated in Item No. 1, above. (3) Place this first envelope in a second envelope and seal it, and mail it to the Orange County Grand Jury, at the address indicated in Item No. 2 above.

4. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TIME AND DATE YOU ARE TO APPEAR, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBPOENA, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PERSON BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH YOU ARE TO APPEAR:

Jan Hagan
Member of the Orange County Grand Jury
Telephone: (714) 834-3320
Fax No: (714) 834-5555

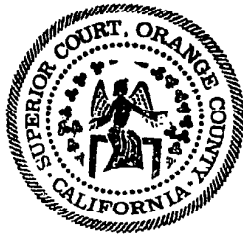
DISOBEDIANCE OF THIS SUBPOENA MAY BE PUNISHED AS A CONTEMPT OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, AND YOU MAY BE HELD LIABLE FOR ALL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM YOUR FAILURE TO OBEY THIS SUBPOENA.

Date Issued:

11/7/03



JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF ORANGE
DANIEL J. DIDIER



DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

1. I, the undersigned, declare that I am a member of the 2003-04 Orange County Grand Jury, the party that has requested this Subpoena Duces Tecum:

2. The witness identified in the foregoing Subpoena has possession or control of the following documents, records, or other things and can produce them at the time and place specified on page one of this Subpoena Duces Tecum:

All records for all dispatched police units initiated on police department computer system from November 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002 to 922 North Harbor Blvd. and 922 ½ North Harbor Blvd. in City of Anaheim. DR Report #02-13457

3. Good cause exists for the production on the documents or other things described in Paragraph 2 for the following reasons:

The 2003-04 Orange County Grand Jury is investigating the operations and procedures of the Orange County Social Services Agency and the Anaheim Police Department in regard to their responses to child abuse reports concerning alleged abuse and the death of the minor child

[REDACTED]

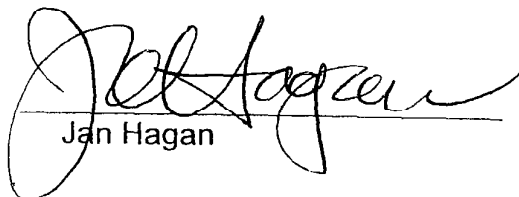
4. These documents or other things described in paragraph 2 are material to the issues involved in this case for the following reasons:

The 2003-04 Orange County Grand Jury is conducting a civil "watchdog" investigation of the County of Orange's and Anaheim Police Department's responses to child abuse reports in the case involving the death of the minor child

[REDACTED]

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 11-7-03


Jan Hagan

ADDENDUM B

TIMELINE – 02-13457 – [REDACTED]

- 3-1-01 [REDACTED] born at Kaiser Hospital, Anaheim, to [REDACTED]
- 10-1-01 At seven months old, [REDACTED] is taken by her parents to the Kaiser Emergency Room regarding a macular rash on the face, torso, arms and legs. The Anaheim Police Department is not called. No Child Abuse Registry report is filed.
- 10-9-01 [REDACTED] is taken by her parents to Kaiser Hospital. [REDACTED] had a diaper rash and “honey crusted lesions” and is diagnosed with impetigo and diaper dermatitis. The Anaheim Police Department is not called. No Child Abuse Registry report is filed.
- 10-16-01 [REDACTED] was taken to the Kaiser Pediatric Clinic for a bruise on her left cheek. The parents report that [REDACTED] had been standing up in her playpen when her brother ran into her and they bumped heads approximately one week earlier. While being examined, [REDACTED] cried with motion of the left leg, and she would not bear weight on the same leg. [REDACTED] also had a red rash in the entire diaper area. [REDACTED] is diagnosed with a left leg strain and diaper dermatitis. The Anaheim Police Department is not called. No Child Abuse Registry report is filed.
- 10-17-01 At 1046 hours Anaheim Police Dispatch receives a 911 call, however, without providing any information, the caller hangs up. Anaheim Police Officers respond to 922 North Harbor Boulevard for the 911 hang-up call. Dispatch attempts to call the reporting party back and receives no answer. Officers unable to contact anyone and clear the call as unfounded. No report taken.
- 10-18-01 At 1128 hours, Anaheim Police Officers respond to 922½ North Harbor Boulevard for the first time on a suspicious circumstances call. The reporting party over the phone indicated the resident [REDACTED] had a seven-month-old who cried abnormally loud. Because of the screams, the caller thought the baby was being hit, however, she does not know for a fact the baby is being struck. The caller, [REDACTED] wants the call to be confidential. The reporting party also indicates no marks seen. Officers contact [REDACTED] mother, who indicated that the baby was already standing and fell, possibly injuring her leg. [REDACTED] mother tells officers the baby was previously taken to Kaiser Hospital on 10-16-01 and the x-rays were negative. The mother also told officers the baby was teething. The officer cleared the call as unfounded. No report taken by Anaheim Police Officers.

- 10-18-01 At 2107 hours, Patrol Officers respond to a call next to 922½ North Harbor Boulevard regarding marijuana being smoked from the residence. The unknown reporting party from 922½ North Harbor wants no contact. Officers are unable to locate a problem and clear the call as unfounded. There is no reference to any problems regarding a child on this call by the reporting party. No report taken by Anaheim Police Officers.
- 10-21-01 [REDACTED] was taken to the Kaiser Pediatric Clinic for a well baby visit. Medical records indicated [REDACTED] fell out of her crib and had a scar on her nose, as well as impetigo on her chin. The Anaheim Police Department is not called. No Child Abuse Registry report filed.
- 11-8-01 A Social Services Emergency Response Worker investigates the first Child Abuse Registry report. An unannounced home visit to 922½ North Harbor Boulevard by the social worker was conducted. The social worker checked [REDACTED] and the other children for marks. No suspicious marks or bruises were found on [REDACTED]. The social worker reported that the children appeared healthy and well cared for. The social worker also interviewed [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] mother speaks in a loud voice, and she was not surprised that someone made a complaint. [REDACTED] previously told [REDACTED] that she should not talk so loud because others might think she is abusing her children. [REDACTED] stated that she had not seen any abuse of the children by the mother. Mr. [REDACTED] was also interviewed and corroborated the information provided by his wife, [REDACTED]. The social worker determined that the allegations were unfounded. The Anaheim Police Department was not called.
- 12-22-01 A Social Services Emergency Response worker investigated the second Child Abuse Registry report, alleging general neglect of [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] is taken by her parents to Kaiser Medical Clinic for swelling in the baby's right arm. The family was referred to the Emergency Room for follow-up medical care. They respond to the Kaiser Emergency Room, arriving during the early morning hours of 12-23-01. The Anaheim Police Department was not called.
- 12-23-01 Social Services workers conduct an unannounced visit with [REDACTED] and her parents at Kaiser Hospital. [REDACTED] is examined in the Emergency Room for a fractured right arm. [REDACTED] mother told the social worker she did not know how [REDACTED] was injured, and she did not seek medical attention one week earlier when the baby's arm was most likely injured. The social worker interviewed [REDACTED] at Kaiser Hospital, who stated he did not suspect physical abuse, and that the injury could have occurred several ways. [REDACTED] injury was "non traumatic", and her arm was placed in a splint.

A Kaiser nurse tells the social worker that [REDACTED] mother told her the baby has been a problem since she was six months old. The mother later denies she ever made that statement. The social worker reports that [REDACTED] appears "relatively healthy" in the hospital. The mother, [REDACTED] is interviewed and is cooperative. The mother again admits that the injury was approximately one week old, however, she believed it had improved, that being the reason she did not seek medical attention. After seeing the baby in pain and observing swelling, she decided to take the baby to Kaiser Hospital. The mother denies being responsible for the injury and denies using corporal punishment in her home. The Social Services worker also interviewed a physician's assistant [REDACTED] who confirmed that [REDACTED] did not believe the injury was consistent with physical abuse. [REDACTED] was concerned about neglect due to the fact that when [REDACTED] was taken to the Emergency Room on 12-23-01, she was dirty. [REDACTED] stated there were no other signs of trauma on the baby. The Anaheim Police Department was not called.

The social worker also conducted a home inspection follow-up on 12-23-01 and found no health or safety hazards. The parents were advised of California child abuse laws and were offered other services, which they refused. General neglect is substantiated due to the mother and father's delay in seeking medical attention. The Anaheim Police Department is not called.

1-17-02

Officers respond to a check the welfare call at 922½ North Harbor Boulevard. The reporting party was the Child Abuse Hotline. They received a call from a male, who told them he did not want his identity to be made known. Social Services stated they received information from the reporting party (who did not want to be known), who received information from the babysitter that a 10-month-old baby had bruising on the face and a lump on the neck. No further information was given regarding the name of the original caller or the babysitter. Anaheim Police Officers responded to the location. Officers contacted both parents, who spoke English. The residence was examined and was found to contain food, blankets, etc. The baby was also examined (without any clothing), and no bruising or other injuries were observed. Officers observed several other adults in the area of the rear house, however, none of those individuals attempted to contact the officers with any additional information. Officers were on scene for approximately 45 minutes and cleared the call as unfounded. [REDACTED] who is later identified as a roommate, does not identify herself to Patrol Officers and does not offer any further information. Officers do not take a report.

1-21-02

[REDACTED] right arm is re-xrayed at Kaiser Hospital and appears to be in anatomical alignment.

1-22-02 It is determined during a later interview (which occurred on 3-26-03) of [REDACTED] who is an ELI Home employee, that he was the reporting party to Social Services on 1-17-02, who wanted to remain unknown. On 1-22-02, [REDACTED] (ELI Home employee) responds to 922½ North Harbor Boulevard and observes fading bruises on [REDACTED] left wrist and a scratch over her left eye. [REDACTED] does not contact the police department or Social Services.

Penal Code Section 11165.6 defines child abuse as a physical injury inflicted by other than accidental means upon a child.

Penal Code Section 11165.7 defines mandated reporters. Included in Section 11165.7 is Subsection (7), which defines a mandated reporter as an administrator or employee of a public or private youth center, youth recreation program or youth organization. Subsection (8) defines a mandatory reporter as an administrator or employee of a public or private organization, whose duties require direct contact and supervision of children. Subsection (14) defines a mandatory reporter as an employee of a child care institution, including but not limited to foster parents, group home personnel and personnel of residential care facilities. Subsection (35)(e) mandates that the absence of training shall not excuse a mandated reporter from their duties imposed in the Penal Code.

Penal Code Section 11165.9 mandates that reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall be made by the mandated reporter to any police department, county probation or welfare departments.

ELI Home employee [REDACTED] does not call police and does not file a child abuse report to Social Services. [REDACTED] does not give a reason why he did not make the necessary calls later when interviewed by [REDACTED]. The ELI Home is clearly a mandatory reporter.

1-23-02 [REDACTED] receives a call from [REDACTED] (suspect's aunt). [REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] wants to take parenting classes.

1-24-02 [REDACTED] responds to 922½ North Harbor Boulevard and contacts [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is described as not very responsive. [REDACTED] tried to give [REDACTED] information on parenting classes and other parenting information but [REDACTED] was not very receptive about the information [REDACTED] was giving her. [REDACTED] does not file child abuse report. The Anaheim Police Department was not called.

3-04-02 [REDACTED] taken to Kaiser Facility for well baby checkup by her mother. She is underweight. [REDACTED] had rash and a swollen face. Mother is

told to bring [REDACTED] back in two weeks. The Anaheim Police Department is not called.

3-18-02 [REDACTED] taken to Kaiser Facility by her mother for a weight check. Facial bruising is noted by the doctor. A child abuse report was not filed. The Anaheim Police Department was not called. Doctor orders full body x-ray and blood tests.

3-25-02 [REDACTED] is seen by a Kaiser physician at the Euclid facility. [REDACTED] is later interviewed and states that [REDACTED] was in good health. Blood work appeared normal or within acceptable limits.

3-26-02 At approximately 0620 hours, Anaheim Police Officer responds to 922½ North Harbor Boulevard reference a possible deceased child. [REDACTED] is found deceased. She is one year and 25 days old. Parents are brought to the Anaheim Police Department and are interviewed. They are not detained or arrested. The Orange County Coroner is notified and responds. The scene is processed by Anaheim Police Department Forensics personnel as a possible crime scene.

3-26-02 [REDACTED] three siblings are removed from the home and placed in protective custody at Orangewood Home. This was done due to the previous CAR reports and initial statements made by [REDACTED] (suspected abuse). At approximately 1830 hours, Anaheim Police Department Detectives interview ELI Home employees. This is when [REDACTED] states he was the anonymous caller on 1-17-02. Detective [REDACTED] attends the post mortem autopsy of [REDACTED]. It is performed by [REDACTED]. The findings are inconclusive. Cause and classification are pending.

3-26-02 Parents are interviewed, as well as other witnesses. Parents give history of child and previous doctor visits. Claim they did not purposely or intentionally injure or harm their child. Father describes his actions the morning of the incident. He states [REDACTED] is breathing at approximately 0530 hours when he leaves for work. Mother states she wakes up at approximately 0600 hours and baby is warm but she attends to younger sibling. After feeding younger sibling, she discovers [REDACTED] is not breathing. She wakes roommate [REDACTED] and calls 911.

11-21-02 [REDACTED] is interviewed at the request of the Orange County District Attorney.

06-2002 In-camera hearing reference discovery of case file is held before a Special Master that was appointed by the court. Portions of the case file are ordered released. City of Anaheim and the Anaheim Police Department comply with the court's ruling.

- 8-12-02 Death Certificate is amended. Cause of death is ruled as Ketoacidosis due to starvation, due to maternal neglect. The death is classified as a homicide.
- 11-2002 Spoke informally to Orange County District Attorney. At present, they feel there is insufficient evidence to file charges.
- Jan/Feb-03 A court hearing takes place and the judge orders that the [REDACTED] siblings are not to be reunited with their parents. Parents appeal the judgment and lose the appeal. Hearing to terminate parental rights set for August, 2003.
- April/May-03 Case is formally presented to Orange County District Attorney for review by Detective [REDACTED] of the Homicide Detail.
- 7-16-03 Orange County District Attorney [REDACTED] issues complaint on [REDACTED] for three counts 273(a) PC. An arrest warrant is obtained by Anaheim Police Department Detectives.
- 7-18-03 [REDACTED] is taken into custody in the city of Corona and is booked at the Anaheim Police Department temporary detention facility.

Sexual Assault/Family Crimes/Domestic Violence Unit

1 Sergeant
8 Detectives
2 CSP Counselors

The Family Crimes/Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence unit has the responsibility of investigating offenses related to:

- Child Abuse
- Juvenile Violators
- Elder Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Missing Persons
- Child Custody
- Domestic Violence
- Megan's Law Information

Youth Counseling Services

Comprehensive counseling and Juvenile Diversion Services are provided at the Anaheim Police Department under contract with Community Services Programs. The counseling services are directed towards "at risk" and pre-offender youth.

If you would like more information please contact one of our counselors at (714) 765-1827 or (714) 765-1688.

Missing Persons

Each year hundreds of people go reported missing in the City of Anaheim. Thankfully the vast majority of these return home safely. You may file a missing person's/ runaway report at the front counter of the Anaheim Police Department. It is helpful to bring a picture of the subject. Once the report is filed the subject will be entered into a nationwide database.

When the reported missing person returns or is located it is important to contact the Anaheim Police Department so we may update our records!!!

Megan's Law Sex Offender Information

California for more than 50 years has required dangerous sex offenders to register with their local law enforcement agencies. However, information on the whereabouts of these sex offenders was not available to the public until the implementation of the Child Molester Identification Line in July 1995. The information available was further expanded by California's Megan's Law in 1996 (Chapter 908, Stats. of 1996).

Megan's Law is named after seven-year-old Megan Kanka, a New Jersey girl who was raped and killed by a known child molester who had moved across the street from the family without their knowledge. In the wake of the tragedy, the Kanka's sought to have local communities warned about sex offenders in the area.

Now, California's Megan's Law arms the public with certain information on the whereabouts of dangerous sex offenders so that local communities may protect themselves and their children. The law also authorizes local law enforcement to notify the public about high-risk and serious sex offenders who reside in, are employed in, or frequent the community.

The law is not intended to punish the offender and specifically prohibits using the information to harass or commit any crime against the offender. It recognizes that public

safety is best served when registered sex offenders are not concealing their location to avoid harassment.

Megan's Law information can be reviewed at the Anaheim Police Department by appointment. You may make an appointment by calling the Family Crimes Unit at (714) 765-1563.

(You will need Adobe Acrobat to open these files.)

If you do not have the Acrobat Reader, you may  here.

Resources:
Child Abuse

Orange County Child Abuse Registry (714) 940-1000 (24 hrs)

You may use the Child Abuse Registry to report any case of suspected child abuse anonymously 24 hrs a day.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION TIPS TO PARENTS
[Childabu.pdf](#)

A PARENT'S GUIDE FOR PREVENTING CHILD ABDUCTION
[Pub-abdu.pdf](#)

Elder Abuse

Orange County Adult and Elder Abuse Hotline (714) 566-3116

ELDER ABUSE
[Elderabu.pdf](#)

Domestic Violence

EVERY 15 SECONDS A WOMAN IS RIFATEN ...HOW CAN SOMEONE ESCAPE THE VIOLENCE?
[Batrdwmn.pdf](#)

Sexual Assault

SURVIVING SEXUAL ASSAULT FACTS PREVENTION SERVICES
[Sexualas.pdf](#)

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION Brochure
[Pub-sxas.pdf](#)

TEEN DATING AND VIOLENCE Brochure
[Teen Date.pdf](#)

Physical Child Abuse

Physical Indicators

Unexplained Injuries-

On face, lips mouth
On torso, back, buttocks, thighs
Various stages of healing
That form regular patterns
Matching the shape of the object used
On multiple planes of the body
To external genitalia

Unexplained burns-

Caused by cigars of cigarettes
On soles of feet
On back or buttocks
Immersion type burns
"Sock" or "glove" type burns
That show the outline of an object

Unexplained fractures-

To skull, nose or face
In various healing stages
Multiple or spiral

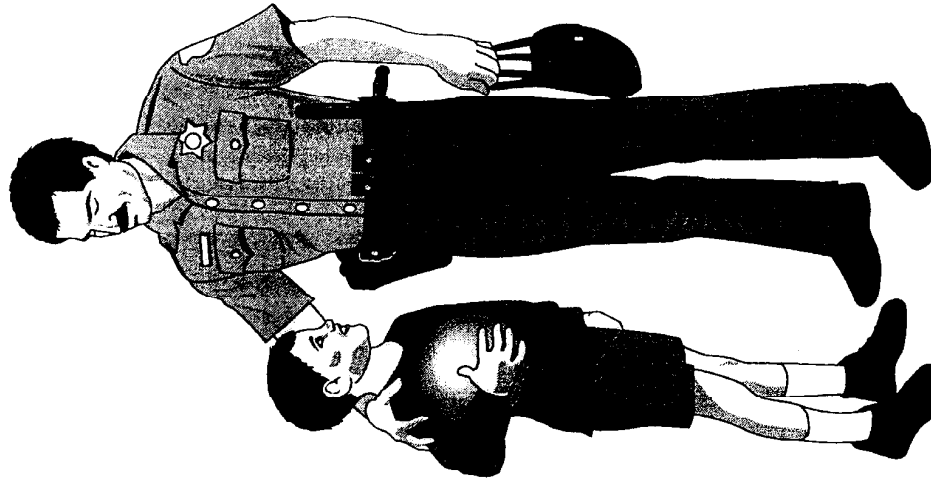
Behavioral Indicators

Wary of adult contacts
Apprehensive when other kids cry
Extremely aggressive
Extremely withdrawn
Frightened of parents
Afraid to go home
Reports injury by parents
Feels the injuries were deserved
Vacant or frozen stare
Monosyllabic responses
Inappropriate maturity
Manipulative attention seeker
Only has superficial friends
Seeks affection indiscriminately
Poor self esteem
Overly compliant
Exaggerated fearfulness
Seizures
Excessive vomiting
Depressed, withdrawn, apathetic
Suicide attempts
Self-mutilation
Hyper vigilant
Overprotective of parents
Sleep, speech, eating disorders
Substance abuse
Criminal acts

Unexplained -injuries are not consistent with mechanism described by care giver.

ADDENDUM D

Child Abuse Guide



"TO PROTECT

**is to
Serve"**

Delinquency Control Institute
Class 104
University of Southern California

Information is based upon P.O.S.T. training material 1994.

Prepared by:
Jack D. Sharkey

Revised 1-99, CAHO1.PUB

NEGLECT

Physical Indicators

The Home-

Structurally unsafe housing
Gas leaks or fire hazards
Broken stairs or no railings
Unprotected upper story windows
Available poisons or medicines accessible, unprotected weapons
Presence of vicious animals
Exposed heating elements
Exposed electrical wiring
Inadequate heating
Festering garbage
Human or animal excrement
Presence of dangerous persons
Inoperable plumbing
Rodent infestation
Rotting, moulding food
Inadequate food for child's age

Behavioral Indicators

Begging, stealing food
Extended stays away from home
Constant fatigue
Alcohol or drug use
Delinquency
States there is no caretaker
Depressed, withdrawn, apathetic
Exaggerated fearfulness
Repeated ingestion of harmful matter
Regressed behavior
Antisocial, destructive behavior
Sleep, speech, eating disorders
Habit disorders (rocking, biting)
Rare school attendance
Delayed speech
Inappropriate attention seeking
Talks in whispers or whines
Assumes adult concerns or worries
Abrupt changes in school progress

The Child-

Consistently hungry
Poor hygiene
Inappropriate dress for the weather
Lack of appropriate supervision
Unattended physical problems
Unattended medical problems
Abandonment
Listlessness
Underweight

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Physical Indicators

Hyperactive, disruptive behavior
Shallow, empty facial expressions
Eating disorders
Self-mutilation
Habit disorders (head banging, biting)
Inappropriately adult or infantile
Speech disorders
Lag in physical development
Failure to thrive
Anti-social behaviors
Tired, listless

Behavioral Indicators

Poor self-esteem
Overly aggressive, demanding
Overly passive, compliant
Sleep, speech disorders
Indiscriminate attachments
Exaggerated fearfulness
Depressed, withdrawn, apathetic
Substance abuse
Afraid to play
Inappropriate adult concerns
Inappropriately infantilized
Suicide
Running away
Self-mutilation

SEXUAL ABUSE

Physical Indicators

Tom, stained, bloody clothing
Pain or itching in genitalia
Difficulty in walking or standing
Bruised or bleeding genitalia
Painful erections
Poor sphincter color, elasticity
Bite marks around genitalia
Pre-teen venereal diseases
Foreign objects in genitalia
Pregnancy
Scarred or mutilated genitalia

Behavioral Indicators

Compulsive sexual behavior
Disgust with own or other sex
Covert touching of others' genitals
Demanding others touch their genitals
Asks or attempts to undress others
Refuses to put on clothes
Secretly exposes self
Compulsive play with feces
Putting objects in genitals
Problems with sexual behavior
Drawings of group sex, or violent sex
Seductive behavior with strangers
Prostitution
Unusual accumulations of money
Harming own or others' genitals
Fear of being touched
Fear of going home
Running away from home
Sophisticated sexual knowledge
Suicide

EPO (Family Code 6250)

A judicial officer may issue an EPO when:

1. A person is in immediate and present danger of domestic violence, based on the persons allegation of a recent incident of abuse or threat of abuse or
2. A child is in immediate and present danger of abuse by a family or household member **or**
3. Child abduction **or**
4. Stalking (D.V. and non-D.V.) **or**
5. Elder abuse (physical abuse or neglect; excludes financial abuse alone)

PC 273.6 (civil orders)

- *TRO - an order issued by a family law court and is good for 20 days unless extended.
 - *Order after Hearing - issued after a hearing on a TRO. Usually good for 3 yrs
 - *EPO - obtained by a peace officer and is good for 5 court days.
- PC 166(c)(1) (criminal orders)
- *DV Order - may be issued during probation.
 - *Criminal Protective Order - issued while a case is pending in court.

PC 12028.5

A peace officer at the scene of a domestic violence incident involving a threat to human life or a physical assault, **shall** take custody of any firearm or other deadly weapon (listed under PC 12020) in plain sight, with a consent search or through any other lawful means.

Dominant Aggressor (PC 13701)

Officers shall make reasonable efforts to identify the dominant aggressor. The dominant aggressor is the person determined to be the **most significant**, rather than the first aggressor.

Officers shall consider:

The intent of the law to protect victims.
The threats creating fear of physical violence.
The history of violence between the persons.
Whether either person acted in self defense.

Officers may consider:

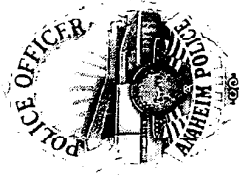
- Presence of fear
- Detail in statement
- Existing court orders
- Criminal history
- Offensive / defensive injuries
- Seriousness of injuries
- Corroborating evidence / witnesses
- Weight / height of parties
- Credibility
- Level of violence
- 911 reporting party
- Use of alcohol / drugs



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Domestic Violence A Quick Reference Guide

Domestic Violence PC 13700

Abuse

Against any sex; adult or minor
Intentionally or recklessly
Cause or attempt to cause
Bodily injury or sexual assault
Or place the victim in fear
Of imminent serious bodily injury
To that person or another

Relationships

Spouse or former spouse
Cohabitant or former cohabitant
Having a child in common
Engagement - current or past
Dating or former dating

PC 273.5 (Felony)

The two parties involved must be:

- Married or
- Formerly married or
- Cohabiting or
- Ex-cohabitant or
- Have a child in common (excludes pregnancy alone)

And there must be **visible injury** or evidence of an internal injury.

Officers **shall** arrest under PC 836(a)

PC 243(e)(1) (Misdemeanor)

The two parties involved must be:

- Current* or former spouse*
- Current* or Former cohabitant*
- Have a child in common*
- Current or formerly engaged
- Current or formerly dating

*-no visible injury

Under PC 836(d) an arrest **may** be made for any 243(e)(1) committed in or out of your presence when:

- You have probable cause to believe an assault has occurred &
- The arrest is made when probable cause arises

PC 273.6 and PC 166 (c)(1) (Misdemeanor)

Under 836(c) an arrest **shall** be made for D.V. restraining order violations committed in or out of your presence when:

- You have probable cause to believe a willful violation has occurred

No visible injury	Relationship	Visible injury
PC 243(e)(1)	Married	PC 273.5
PC 243(e)(1)	Ex-spouse	PC 273.5
PC 243(e)(1)	Cohabitant	PC 273.5
PC 243(e)(1)	Ex-cohabitant	PC 273.5
PC 243(e)(1)	Child in common	PC 273.5
PC 243(e)(1)	Engaged Past-present	PC 243(e)(1)
PC 243(e)(1)	Dating Past-present	PC 243(e)(1)

Associated D.V. Laws

Felony

PC 136.1 (c)(1)- dissuading a victim from reporting, using threats of force or fear.

PC 236 - false imprisonment

PC 243 (d) - battery with serious injury

PC 245 (a)(1) - ADW

PC 245 (a)(2) - ADW w/gun

PC 273a(a) - child endangerment likely to cause GBI or death

PC 422 - criminal threats of GBI

PC 459 - entry with intent to commit a felony

PC 591 - interference or destruction of phone lines

PC 594 (b)(1) - felony vandalism \$400 or more

PC 646.9 stalking, reasonable fear with a credible threat and a pattern of conduct

Victim

- Note relationship (marriage date)
- Describe victim's location, emotional and physical condition
- Victim's spontaneous statements
- If possible, record victim's interview
- Describe victim's injuries
- Prior D.V. calls (PC 13730(c)(2))
- Alcohol or drug usage
- Where can the victim later be located
- Give victim referral info. (PC 13701)

Suspect

- Describe suspect's location, emotional and physical condition
- Spontaneous statements by suspect
- Describe suspect's injuries
- Alcohol/drug usage (PC 13730(c)(1))
- Interview the suspect

Witnesses

- Find and interview the RP
- Find any witnesses (ie. neighbors)
- Children present (list as wifs. or 273a (b) victims, if present curing crime)
- Interview children (note emotional state)
- List agencies on scene (CPS, EMS, etc.)
- Identify treating doctors

Evidence

- Photograph the injuries of both parties
- Photograph the scene for evidence of violence
- Photograph/seize torn, bloody clothing
- Consider the 911 call as evidence
- Book weapons (PC 12028.5)
- Felony - at large cases - obtain a photo of the suspect from the victim

RESOURCES:

To report suspected abuse or neglect:

In private home settings call

Adult Protective Services:

(800) 451-5155

In licensed care facilities call

Long-Term Care Ombudsman:

(714) 479-0107

Anaheim Police Department:

(714) 765-1900

For mental health services only call Mental Health:

(714) 972-3700 (for persons 60 years old and older)

(714) 517-6300 (for persons under 60 years old)

Supportive Services Available:

Adult Day Care

Counseling/Support Groups

Friendly Visitor

Home Health Care

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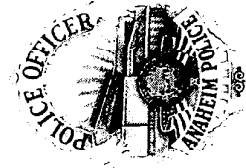
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ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE MAY INCLUDE:

NEGLECT

Failure of a caregiver to Provide Basic Necessities Such as:

Water

Food

Cleanliness

Shelter

Clothing

Medical Care

MENTAL ABUSE

Verbal Harassment

Threats or Other Intimidating Behavior that Results in Fear, Agitation, Confusion, Severe Depression, or Other Forms of Serious Emotional Distress

PHYSICAL ABUSE

-hitting/Slapping/Kicking/Pushing

Confining the Victim

Causing Unnecessary Pain

Intentional Overuse or Underuse of Medication

Sexual Exploitation

Withholding Food or Water

FINANCIAL ABUSE

Extortion (taking money or property through pressure, threats or intimidation)

Theft or Embezzlement

Fraud (taking money or property by deception or misrepresentation)

ABANDONMENT

Desertion or Willful Forsaking of an Elder or Dependent Adult by Anyone Having Care or Custody of That Person Under Circumstances in Which a Reasonable Person Would Continue to Provide Care and Custody

Victims Are:

- Elders are 65 years and older
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- Victim will often protect abusers

Abusers Often Are:

- Involved as a caregiver
- Related to the victim
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Applicable Laws:

- 368 P.C. Elder Abuse physical/financial
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Mandatory Reporting

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- Law Enforcement
- Health Practitioners
- Adult Protective Services
- Care Custodians
- Clergy

Per Welfare and Institution Codes 15600, 15630, and 15633.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The name of the reporting party is confidential and is not to be disclosed to the victim, their family or the alleged abuser.

NOTE: 15633 W.I.C. Makes this a Misd.

Things to look for at the scene:

This list is intended to assist you as a guide of some of the things to look for.

1. Examine the entire environment.
2. Visible signs of physical abuse?
3. Is the person gravely disabled and cannot adequately care for themselves? Self-abusive?
4. Does the person have access to food/water/a telephone/the bathroom?
5. Are they malnourished? Look for photos of the victim for comparison.
6. Are there inherent dangers? Utilities?
7. How is their personal hygiene?
8. What is their mental state? Confused? Lucid?
9. Look for medications and document them.
10. Look for medical papers and note doctor's names/phone numbers.
11. Before interviewing the victim, separate them from potential witnesses and suspects.
12. Try to locate any witnesses or potential witnesses. If the victim dies, it may become a homicide case.
13. Are there signs of false imprisonment, such as bolts on the door or restraints?
14. Look for financial statements, legal papers, such as a will.
15. Is the victim getting their mail, or is it being withheld from them?

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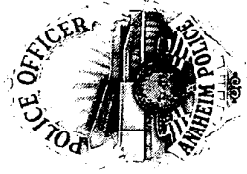
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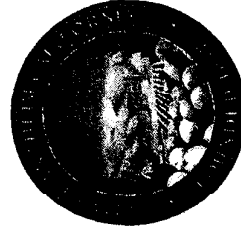
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AFTER THE REPORT IS MADE:

Each report to the Registry is assigned to a Senior Social Worker for investigation and case planning. The assigned social worker attempts to have a private face-to-face meeting with the victim within 10 calendar days.

FACTS:

- Nearly 6000 reports of elder and dependent adult abuse were reported to the Orange County Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Registry in 2002.
- Elder and dependent abuse reports have increased by over 40% since 1999.
- Between 450-550 reports are received at the Registry each month.
- Victims live throughout the county and are at all income levels.

BENEFITS OF REPORTING ABUSE

- The elder or dependent adult will be given options to keep him/her safe from harm.
- The victim and their family members can be linked with appropriate community resources.
- Unaware family members and friends can be alerted to step in and help.
- The APS social worker can assist victims and their families in developing individualized care plans.
- The reporter can feel relief in knowing that a professional is assessing the situation.