



County of Orange  
California

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Tom Staple, Foreman  
FY 03/04 Grand Jury  
Superior Court of California  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Subject: Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Identity Theft: What are Local Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Doing to Combat the Problem?"

Dear Mr. Staple:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 993, enclosed please find the County of Orange response to the subject report as approved by the Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Wayt at the County Executive Office who will either assist you or direct you to the appropriate individual.

Very truly yours,

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**2003-2004 Grand Jury Report**  
**“Identity Theft: What are Local Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Doing to**  
**Combat the Problem?”**  
**Response to Findings and Recommendations**

**Response to Findings:**

1. The Orange County District Attorney’s Office is in need of additional staff to effectively investigate and prosecute complex and time consuming identity-theft crimes.

**Response: Agrees with Finding**

**Response to Recommendations:**

1. The Orange County District Attorney increase the number of investigators and prosecutors to allow for both identity-theft specialization and in-depth case investigation.

**Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not reasonable**

The District Attorney’s Office along with the Board of Supervisors continue to highlight this need as one of the County’s Strategic Priorities during our financial planning process. However, due to the County’s current fiscal situation, where all Departments are being held to level Net County Cost for the next two years, additional funding for this issue is not available. Departments throughout the County are being tasked with reviewing all of the services that they provide and allocate their limited resources to the highest priority areas.