LOS ALAMITOS POLICE DEPARTMENT



July 27, 2004

The Honorable Frederick P. Horn Presiding Judge of the Superior Court 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, California 92701

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Dear Judge Horn:

The City of Los Alamitos Police Department submits the following information in response to the Orange County Grand Jury report, "Identity Theft: What Are Local Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Doing to Combat the Problem?"

In response to the Grand Jury regarding findings:

Agreement with Finding #3. The City of Los Alamitos Police Department does not have and is not aware of an Identity Theft Task Force or Sub-Task Force.

Agreement with Finding #4. The City of Los Alamitos Police Department does provide some public information and resource materials regarding prevention and corrective steps for Identity Theft. The Police Department offers a self-running PowerPoint presentation that runs repeatedly on Cable TV, several Community Outreach Public Information presentations on the topic of Identity Theft, informational brochures, and information on the Police Department's web page.

Agreement with Finding #5. The City of Los Alamitos Police Department does not have specialized identity-theft reporting forms.

In response to the Grand Jury recommendations:

Disagreement with Recommendation #3. Local jurisdictions do not have the resources necessary to establish and sustain a Regional Identity Theft Task Force.

Agreement with Recommendation #4. Although some materials already exist, the City of Los Alamitos Police Department supports the recommendation for the development of standardized public information materials for the residents of Orange County.

Agreement with Recommendation #5. The City of Los Alamitos Police Department supports the recommendation for the adoption of a standardized identity theft report form.

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