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

Dear Judge Wieben Stock,

This letter is to serve as the required response from the Orange County Sheriff's Department to the Grand Jury Report, "The Anatomy of Safe and Sane Fireworks Sales in Orange County." As specified in the report, I am only addressing Findings F-9 through F-13.

F-9. *Safety officials cannot enforce all laws and municipal ordinances regarding the illegal use of legal fireworks due to the large volume of activity on the Fourth of July.*

F-10. *The use of illegal fireworks is significantly greater in cities that allow the sale of legal fireworks.*

Agree, but only as to a comparison of the city of Stanton to other cities serviced by the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Since we do not patrol the other cities that permit the sale of fireworks, we are not in a position to comment on a comparison of them with other cities.

F-11. *The use of legal fireworks can mask the use of illegal fireworks.*

Agree.

PROUDLY SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ORANGE COUNTY AND THE FOLLOWING CITIES AND AGENCIES:

ALISO VIEJO • DANA POINT • LAGUNA HILLS • LAGUNA NIGUEL • LAGUNA WOODS • LAKE FOREST • MISSION VIEJO
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA • SAN CLEMENTE • SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO • STANTON • VILLA PARK
OC PARKS • DANA POINT HARBOR • JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT • OCTA • SUPERIOR COURT

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F-12. *Safety officials are of the opinion that legal fireworks sales should be banned in the interest of public safety.*

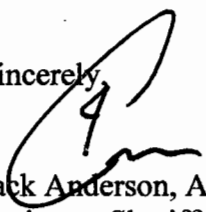
Agree.

F-13. *Safety officials can significantly curb the use of illegal fireworks in these cities within three years if the sale of legal fireworks were banned.*

Agree, provided sufficient deputies are deployed to do enforcement work and a public notification program is instituted during that 3 year period.

Should you or your staff have any questions concerning our responses or other related fireworks issues, please free to contact Captain Robert Eason, Commander of North Operations, (714) 647-1854.

Sincerely,



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