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September 18, 2007

Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Chairperson:

This letter is in response to the 2006-2007 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled "ICE in Orange County."

The Santa Ana Police Department's response to Recommendation R-3 is as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

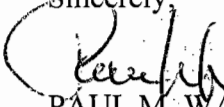
R-3. *To ensure consistency within OC, the cities of Anaheim, Santa Ana, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Orange, Fullerton, and Garden Grove should consider entering into an agreement with ICE, or make an arrangement with OCSA, to ensure that all people booked at their jails have their immigration status checked with ICE and hold UIs for ICE transport to federal facilities. (This recommendation arises from Finding F-3.)*

The majority of the population of the Santa Ana Jail is contract housing for US Marshal and ICE along with State Parole violators. Santa Ana arrests that are booked into the Santa Ana Jail are transferred to the Orange County Jail system within a few hours and are screened for immigration status at that time.

The Santa Ana Jail is currently working with ICE to make arrangements for the screening of arrests that are not booked into the Santa Ana Jail but rather cited and released after identification.

We currently meet the recommendations of R-3. When we have this screening process for cite and release in place we will exceed the recommendations of R-3.

Sincerely,


PAUL M. WALTERS
Chief of Police

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

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

This letter is in response to the 2006-2007 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled "ICE in Orange County." I was asked to respond to Finding F-3 and Recommendation R-3.

F-3. *Cities which contract with OCSD and Costa Mesa have the immigration status of all booked individuals checked. Anaheim has only a part time ICE agent. However, it is unclear if OC's large cities (Santa Ana, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Orange, Fullerton and Garden Grove) check the immigration status of all individuals booked at their city jails.*

The Santa Ana Police Department disagrees with this finding. The majority of the population of the Santa Ana Jail is contract housing for the United States Marshal and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) along with State parole violators. Santa Ana arrests that are booked into the Santa Ana Jail are transferred to the Orange County Jail system within a few hours and are screened for immigration status at that time.

R-3. *To ensure consistency within OC, the cities of Anaheim, Santa Ana, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Orange, Fullerton, and Garden Grove should consider entering into an agreement with ICE, or make an arrangement with OCSD, to ensure that all people booked at their jails have their immigration status checked with ICE and hold UIs for ICE transport to federal facilities. (This recommendation arises from Finding F-3.)*

This recommendation has been implemented, prior to the issuance of the Grand Jury's report. In addition, the Santa Ana Jail is currently working with ICE to make arrangements for the screening of arrests that are not booked into the Santa Ana Jail but rather cited and released after identification. When we have this screening process for cite and release in place we will exceed the recommendations of R-3.

Sincerely,

PAUL M. WALTERS
Chief of Police

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