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July 20, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock
Presiding Judge
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Subject: Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report,
"ICE in Orange County"

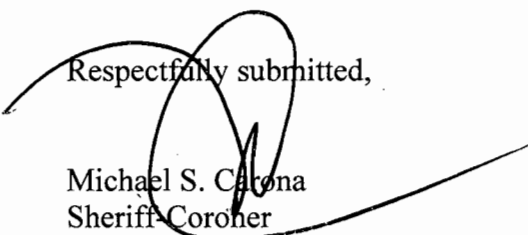
Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

In accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, you will find my response to the above referenced FY 06-07 Report enclosed.

I would like to commend the members of the Grand Jury for their review of the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) program in Orange County. As the Grand Jury pointed out, this was a hotly debated issue. To date, I can report that the program has taken all community concerns into consideration and the program in place today has been well received and successful.

If you have any questions regarding this response document, please contact Assistant Sheriff Charles Walters at (714) 647-1815.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Ann Andres, Grand Jury Foreman
Members, Board of Supervisors
Thomas G. Mauk, County Executive Officer

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**Response to the Grand Jury
“ICE in Orange County”**



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Orange County Sheriff's Department Response to The Grand Jury Report

Findings:

Finding F-1 *"The OCSD is currently preparing a coordinated plan to provide information to OC communities about the MOA and to gather information about community concerns with the MOA."*

The Sheriff agrees with the Grand Jury's findings.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department has created a brochure that will be distributed to the residents of Orange County. The brochure will be used to inform members of the community about the Sheriff's 287(g) Cross Designation Program. Included in the brochure will be information about the program, a telephone number and e-mail address for those in the community to call or write with questions or comments about the program.

The Orange County Sheriff, along with key personnel regularly meet with members of the various community groups and the Orange County Human Relations Commission regarding this program. The Sheriff began meeting with these groups in 2005 prior to the implementation of the program. Those meetings involved the conceptual aspects of the cross designation program and the effects of the program in Orange County. The Sheriff has and will continue to meet with Community leaders to address concerns and impacts regarding the program and implementation of the project.

Finding F-2 *"OCSD does not identify on their web site or their public viewable arrest log those booked prisoners who have an immigration detainer placed on them."*

The Sheriff agrees with the Grand Jury's findings.

The Sheriff's Department website contains pertinent data regarding arrestees but at this time it does not include detainer information.

Recommendations:

Recommendation R-1 *"The OCSD should complete the plan to gather community information and opinions about the OCSD ICE program and include a strategy to inform the community about SCC's role in the program."*

This recommendation has been implemented.

Since 2005, the Sheriff has met with various community organizations through the Sheriff's Community Coalition (see page five for list of SCC members) and individuals to share his vision regarding the ICE program. During these meetings, the Sheriff has been very forthcoming regarding the design and implementation of the Cross Designation Program. Additionally, he has been very aggressive in seeking input from community groups and he has incorporated many of their ideas and concerns into the program. In fact, as a result of input from concerned individuals and organizations, the Sheriff altered his original program design by limiting the program to Jail Operations and temporarily suspending implementation in Patrol Operations and Investigations. The Sheriff recognizes that this open communication with the community has greatly contributed to the program's success and will continue to do so in an effort to solicit feedback.

Within the next sixty days the cross designation information brochure will be finalized and implemented. This brochure will provide the general public with information about the program. The brochure will be translated into Vietnamese and Spanish. This brochure will be distributed by placing them in Sheriff Department facilities via the Sheriff's Department website, the Sheriff's Department blog (<http://blog.ocsd.org>); through the Sheriff's Community Coalition; the Orange County Human Relations Commission; and by Department personnel. Additionally, the OCSO website now includes information and statistics regarding the program and has the capability for the community to provide feedback to the Department.

Recommendation R-2 *"OCSD should consider adding to their website and their public viewable arrest log a notation if a booked prisoner has an immigration detainer."*

This recommendation has been implemented.

The Sheriff's Department has considered including immigration detainer information on the Public website. Based on concerns for inmate safety, on-going or potential criminal investigations and an abundance of caution, the decision was made to delay system enhancements that would accomplish this. The department will continue to work with County Counsel and or local, State, and Federal partners to evaluate the benefits and risk associated with this recommendation and may modify the public viewable information to include immigration detainer information, in the future. Although, this information is not currently available on the website, it is available through contact with Sheriff's Department personnel and jail records staff.

Sheriff's Community Coalition

The Orange County Sheriff's Department would like to express its appreciation for the assistance the Sheriff's Community Coalition provided during the development and implementation of the Cross Designation / ICE Program. The following is a partial list of the groups represented by the SCC.

100 Black Men of OC
100 Black Women of OC
ACLU
Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Anaheim Veterans Center
Anti-Defamation League
Armenian Community
Black Chamber of Commerce of OC
Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa
Christ Our Redeemer AME Church
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS
Community Action Partnership of OC
Council on American-Islamic Relations
Department on Aging
Elections Committee of OC
Episcopal Churches
Grand Jurors' Association of OC
Hispanic Bar Association
Hispanic Chamber of OC
Hispanic Methodist Church
Iranian-American Council
Los Amigos of OC
National Conference for Community & Justice
OC Bail Agents Association
OC Human Relations Commission
OC Human Relations Council
OC Japanese American Association
OC NAACP
OC Sheriff's Advisory Council
OC Southern Baptist Association
Presbyterian Church
Roman Catholic Diocese
SE California Conference of 7th Day Adventists
So California Indian Center
South Asian Network
US Middle East Alliance
Women's Transitional Living Center