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Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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Your Honor:

The following is Brea Police Department's response to the Orange County Grand Jury's request on "Improving Child Abuse Response."

6.2 Field Response Protocol Developed:

A recent incident occurred in the City of Yorba Linda that required not only a police response, but also a response from Child Protective Services. In this particular incident, a child had been purposely left in a vehicle for over one hour. Although the new protocol had not yet been officially set into motion, CPS was called, and within 30 minutes, a Senior Social Worker was on scene. The response resulted in the child being taken from the mother. The decision to remove the child from the mother was the result of collaboration between the SSW and the officers on scene. There is no doubt that the SSW's response to the incident resulted in a significant decrease in the amount of time officers spent on this call.

6.3 Law Enforcement Agency procedures and training on Child Abuse responses:

Training issues can be addressed by our Juvenile Detectives. All training can be given to the Patrol Division in their respective Briefings. Policy and Procedures can be updated by Staff.

7.1 Law Enforcement Agency acceptance of SSA Field Response protocol:

This new protocol seems to only be a benefit to law enforcement agencies. As noted above (in 6.2), our agency has already seen

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the benefit. It is my opinion that the new SSA protocol should be adopted.

7.2 Law Enforcement training on the enhanced protocol:

Once approved, all training can be completed within a few weeks and implementation can begin shortly thereafter.

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