

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Civil Grand Jury- Foreperson 725 Court Street P.O. Box 431 Martinez, CA 94553-0091

Dear Civil Grand Jury Foreperson,

Please find the response to Grand Jury Report No. 1609, "Human Trafficking", attached. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you,

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# City Of Brentwood Response to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations Grand Jury Report No. 1609, "Human Trafficking"

### **FINDINGS**

# **Grand Jury Finding F1**

The San Francisco Bay Area is one of three "hot spots" for human trafficking in California, along with Los Angeles and San Diego.

**City Response:** The City agrees with the finding.

## **Grand Jury Finding F2**

The emphasis in human trafficking cases has shifted from solely prosecution to a "victim-centered" approach in which the needs to persons who have been trafficked receive equal consideration.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding.

## **Grand Jury Finding F3**

<u>Effectively identifying and apprehending traffickers requires knowledge of the local environment and criminal activities acquired through years of experience.</u>

**City Response:** The City agrees with the finding that experienced investigators can aid in the apprehension of human traffickers.

## **Grand Jury Finding F4**

Most police officer training related to human trafficking is acquired through working with more experienced officers and victim advocates.

**City Response:** The City partially disagrees with this finding. The City cannot speak for other law enforcement agencies. In the City of Brentwood, police officers receive a combination of classroom and on the job training as it relates to human trafficking.

### **Grand Jury Finding F5**

The required two-hour POST Training Video in dealing with human trafficking complaints provides a general basis, but more intensive training found in the POST 2014 training manual contains in-depth coverage of the issues important to officers assigned to trafficking cases.

City Response: The City partially disagrees with the finding. The City cannot speak to the specific training material offered by California POST. The City believes POST has provided good training material as it relates to human trafficking.

## **Grand Jury Finding F6**

<u>Successful apprehension and prosecution of traffickers often involves coordination and cooperation among local, state, and federal agencies.</u>

City Response: The City agrees with the finding.

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## **Grand Jury Finding F7**

City law enforcement and Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department have no comprehensive or consistent method for analyzing data about the number and type of adult trafficking victims.

More data that is complete is needed to define the magnitude of the problem and to support decision about victim services and resource allocation.

City Response: The City partially disagrees with the finding. The City cannot speak for other city law enforcement agencies or the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department. The City of Brentwood does have access to databases that contain victim information related to human trafficking. More complete data would be useful in investigations and providing services to victims.

## **Grand Jury Finding F8**

City law enforcement and Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department does not always use resources offered by State and federal for joint "sting" and "sweep" operations.

City Response: The City disagrees with this finding. The question implies that the City of Brentwood turns down offers from state and federal agencies to assist with enforcement operations. That is not correct. The City of Brentwood is always a willing partner when state or federal agencies offer resources. The City of Brentwood cannot speak for other city law enforcement agencies or the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department.

#### **Grand Jury Finding F9**

Trafficking frequently occurs in combination with other violent crimes and its victims often have a history of abuse and trauma.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding.

### **Grand Jury Finding F10**

The use of specialist multidisciplinary teams in high crime areas can increase the likelihood that trafficking will be recognized as a component of other crimes.

**City Response:** The City agrees with the finding.

### **Grand Jury Finding F11**

Public awareness is a critical factor in identifying potential human trafficking activity.

**City Response:** The City agrees with the finding.

# **Grand Jury Finding F14**

A comprehensive approach to dealing with human trafficking includes robust community engagement; training law enforcement in responding to human trafficking incidents; vigorous prosecution of perpetrators; education of and advocacy to policy makers; and wrap-around services for victims/survivors.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding.

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

## **Grand Jury Recommendation R1**

City law enforcement agencies and the Sheriff's Department should consider incorporating expanded training for officers assigned to trafficking-related duties.

**City Response:** The recommendation has been implemented. Per the Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report #1605 "Caring for the Victims" Recommendation 11, The City of Brentwood is working with Children and Family Services (CFS) to identify appropriate law enforcement training related to human trafficking.

## **Grand Jury Recommendation R2**

City law enforcement agencies and the Sheriff's Department should consider increasing collaboration with state and federal law enforcement to expand "sweeps" and "stings" in high crime areas.

**City Response:** The recommendation has been implemented. The City of Brentwood has a good working relationship with state and federal agencies, and we will continue to work collaboratively when state and federal agencies offer resources to assist with enforcement operations.

### **Grand Jury Recommendation R3**

City law enforcement agencies and the Sheriff's Department should consider the benefits of assigning multidisciplinary teams in areas with significant drug, gang, and/or prostitution activity to assist in identifying trafficking issues.

City Response: This recommendation has been implemented. The City of Brentwood understands the value of participating on multidisciplinary teams as it relates to crime fighting and law enforcement. The City of Brentwood is an active member when teams are established, and the City of Brentwood will continue to work collaboratively with all Contra Costa law enforcement agencies as it relates to combating human trafficking.

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