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Honorable J. David Markham
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Lake
255 N. Forbes Street, 4th Floor
Lakeport, CA 95453

SUBJECT: Response to 2022-2023 Grand Jury Final Report Entitled: "Sex Trafficking: Hiding in Plain Sight"

Dear Judge Markham:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05(a), (b), and (c), the following are my responses as Chief of Police of the Clearlake Police Department, which includes the Code Enforcement Bureau, to the findings and recommendations in the above-entitled Grand Jury Report:

FINDINGS

F-1 Partially disagree

Human/Sex Trafficking cases are complex, require lengthy investigations, involve multiple agencies across county, state and country boundaries and are costly to resolve.

The Clearlake Police Department agrees that human trafficking cases are generally complex, require lengthy investigations, and are costly to resolve. Though it may be common, we disagree that human/sex trafficking cases have to involve multiple agencies across county, state, and country boundaries.

F-2 Agree

Lake Family Resource Center has developed detailed training materials on trafficking.

F-3 Agree

Widespread education on trafficking, especially among youths and persons working with youths, can increase awareness and opportunities for potential intervention.



RECOMMENDATIONS

R-2 Has been implemented.

That the Clearlake Police Department provide annual training on trafficking for their officers and staff.

The Clearlake Police Department has been providing annual training to staff regarding human trafficking. Additionally, as staffing and budgeting allows, we will send staff members to more advanced training to further improve their knowledge and skills.

I would like to thank the Grand Jury for their efforts in completing this report and their recommendations. We especially appreciate the members who took the time to meet with our staff and learn more about the challenges and opportunities related to this subject.

Best Regards,



TIMOTHY HOBBS
Chief of Police