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NEWS

Sheriff's Department issues statement on OC Grand Jury Report: "The Myth of the Orange County Jailhouse Informant Program"

SANTA ANA, Ca. (June 13, 2017):

"The Orange County Sheriff's Department welcomed the independent review of our jail operations by the Orange County Grand Jury. The report validates many past statements made by Sheriff Sandra Hutchens regarding the use of jailhouse informants and confirms a departmentally sanctioned program does not exist.

The Sheriff's Department has already implemented the two department-specific recommendations published in the findings of the report. Standardizing jail activity records and improving supervisor training are important measures to better refine our custodial operations and they are recommendations that are well underway.

One of the most important points highlighted by the Grand Jury is that continued investigation into this issue is best handled by the California Attorney General and U.S. Department of Justice, not the trial court. It's important for the Dekraai case to move toward a conclusion, allowing justice to be rendered.

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