



RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

August 10th, 2016

The Honorable Kelly V. Simmons
Marin County Superior Court
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Report Title: Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It's Happening in Our Backyard

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The following letter constitutes the Ross School District's response to the findings and recommendations of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury's report to the 2015-2016 Marin Civil Grand Jury Report entitled **Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It's Happening in Our Backyard** that was released on June 23, 2016.

While Grand Jury reports address important issues, practices and conditions in our community, this subject is one which is not on the minds of many residents in Marin County. We commend the Grand Jury for providing the background and information as well as providing findings and recommendations on a topic that is destructive to the very foundation of our civil society.

In response to the specific Findings and Recommendations in this report, it should be noted that schools do not have sufficient information or expertise to serve as a basis for a response to the specific items. While we have addressed the issue in a number of ways, there is more we can do and we are committed to working with our schools districts and community partners to expand our support in this area.

We continue to appreciate the efforts of the Grand Jury and the time and commitment made by the members of this important body. You can be assured of our partnership continuing with Grand Juries yet to come.

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with findings numbered: 1-13
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented. **(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)**
- Recommendations numbered 7 have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future. **(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)**
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis. **(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)**
- Recommendations numbered 1-6,& 8 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable. **(Attach an explanation.)**

Date: 8.10.16

Signed: 

Number of pages attached: 4



Ross School District Response to Marin County Civil Grand Jury
Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It's Happening in Our Backyard
Response Date: August 10th

Finding #	Finding	RSD Response
F1-13	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>F1. Human sex trafficking is mostly unrecognized, under-reported, and rarely subject to intervention in Marin.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>F2. A significant number of human sex trafficking victims are from Marin, not just transients imported from other areas.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>F3. Reports from two Marin County victim advocate organizations show that approximately 30% of the victims they aid are under the age of 18.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>F4. Some Marin County law enforcement officers still believe some human trafficking victims are criminals.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>F5. State law mandates that officers receive two hours of training on human trafficking and some Marin agencies may not be complying with this law.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>F6. Training of Marin County law enforcement on the Marin County Uniform Law Enforcement Protocol for Human Trafficking has been inconsistent across agencies.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>F7. Law enforcement officers and others who are closest to human trafficking believe the California mandated two-hour POST training video on human trafficking is not sufficient.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>F8. Marin law enforcement agencies rarely use multidisciplinary training, incorporating collaboration between Children Family Services (CFS), the District Attorney, law</p>	<p>Agree with all findings, assuming the facts as set forth in the Grand Jury's Report are accurate.</p>

enforcement experts, and possibly victims.

F9. Training for firefighters and EMS professionals in recognizing human trafficking victims and reporting the crime is inconsistent in Marin.

F10. It is difficult to determine the extent of human trafficking in Marin because of inconsistent classification and definitions of the crime, as well as the lack of a central clearinghouse for this data.

F11. The Marin County school districts do not provide education on a systematic basis for students, parents and teachers in recognizing signs of human trafficking.

F12. Human trafficking outreach has been fragmented and is currently insufficient in reaching critical audiences

F13. The Marin County Coalition to End Human Trafficking Coalition needs dedicated resources to make it more effective.

Recommendation #	Recommendation	RSD Response
R7	Marin County Office of Education should work with the Marin County School/Law Enforcement Partnership to develop educational programs to ensure that students, parents, and teachers are trained in recognizing the signs of human trafficking and where they can find help.	<p>The Ross School District (RSD) believes that the recommendation has been implemented. However, RSD will review the educational programs offered to broaden the reach and make trainings more consistent.</p> <p>RSD will participate in any efforts to continue developing programs to ensure that students, parents and teachers are trained in recognizing the signs of human trafficking and where they can find help.</p>