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Chief Jim McDonnell
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Dear Chief McDonnell:

ELECTRONIC SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT SYSTEM (E-SCARS)
2013 STATISTICS

In 2009, the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) jointly launched the Electronic Suspected Child Abuse Report System (E-SCARS). Every municipal police agency in Los Angeles County is participating in this innovative information-sharing system designed to protect our community's most vulnerable victims - children. Since its inception, more than 260,000 reports of child abuse have been entered into E-SCARS. Many law enforcement agencies have embraced E-SCARS, as well as their role in cross-reporting allegations of suspected child abuse to DCFS, and in responding to reports received.

As part of the District Attorney's Office statutory obligation to audit cross-reporting compliance, our office has compiled the enclosed comparative statistics for your review. These figures represent suspected child abuse reports received by law enforcement from DCFS and reports generated by law enforcement. The figures also illustrate the actions taken on suspected child abuse reports.

This letter contains data that you may find informative in evaluating on how your agency is meeting their departmental goals. We are providing you with specific statistics relevant to your agency and the average for all agencies in hopes that you may evaluate your department's performance as well as identify any specific areas in which improvement might be sought. Thank you for your continued support of this critical public safety program.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jackie Lacey", written over the typed name and title.

JACKIE LACEY
District Attorney

Enclosure

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E-SCARS 2013 STATISTICS

Total All 44 Agencies (excluding LASD & LAPD)

SCARs Received	14,202
SCARs Generated	2,765
Total	16,967

Action Taken on SCARs Received (Average for all agencies)

% Remain Unopened	0%
% Remain in Pending	1%
% Remain in LEA Generated	0%
% No Investigation	18%
% Crime Suspected	21%
% No Crime Suspected	60%

LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

SCARs Received	2773
SCARs Generated	422
Total	3195

Action Taken by Long Beach Police Department

Remain Unopened	0
Remain in Pending Category	15
Remain in LEA Generated Category	0
No Investigation Conducted	1456
Crime Suspected (post investigation)	744
No Crime Suspected (post investigation)	981

Percentage - Long Beach Police Department

% Remain Unopened	0%
% Remain in Pending	0%
% Remain in LEA Generated	9%
% No Investigation Conducted	46%
% Crime Suspected	23%
% No Crime Suspected	31%

Explanation

Unopened: SCAR transmitted to a law enforcement agency by DCFS but no action noted in E-SCARS

LEA Generated: SCAR generated by law enforcement but no action noted in E-SCARS

Pending: SCAR categorized as under investigation by law enforcement

No Investigation: Agency chose not to investigate allegation(s)

Crime Suspected: Allegation(s) investigated by law enforcement, a crime was suspected and a crime report was written

No Crime Suspected: Allegation(s) investigated, no crime was suspected, whether or not a report was written