



# GJAOC

## GRAND JURORS ASSOCIATION ORANGE COUNTY



Assistant Presiding Judge Maria Hernandez

**June, 2022**

Assistant Presiding Judge Maria Hernandez' program on Human Trafficking was presented at the June 2nd luncheon at the Elks Lodge, Santa Ana.

One startling fact about Human Trafficking is that Orange County has been a “destination” county with traffickers bringing young girls into our county as sex workers. Another is that human trafficking worldwide is a \$150 Billion dollar business, and is the fastest growing crime in Orange County, second only to illicit drugs.

Girls, as young as 12-14 do not choose to be sex workers. Judge Hernandez brought a book, *Pimpology* that is a playbook on how to recruit young girls through social media, and the internet, as well as the more typical of threat and coercion. A high percentage of victims come from families where abuse and neglect have put them into the foster care system/juvenile justice court. Many are runaways who are picked up from the streets by traffickers. It’s survival. Young girls meeting their quota of 8-10 encounters a day is not uncommon.

Following is a link to the Dept. of Homeland’s video training course for the public. As Judge Hernandez said, “If You SEE Something, SAY Something”.

<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/general-public-indicators-training-course>

**911 and 888-373-7888 to report suspected human trafficking.**

## **JULY, 2022: NO BOARD MEETING**

**The 2021-2022 Panel** has issued some excellent reports.

Access them here:

<https://www.ocgrandjury.org/reports.asp>

## **AUGUST, 2022:**

The next board meeting will be a hybrid/zoom, all members may attend any board meeting:

**Topic: GJAOC August Board Meeting**

**Time: Aug 4, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86597754505?  
pwd=NFV0UVNWUGpmWkJsTWU4WkdOdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86597754505?pwd=NFV0UVNWUGpmWkJsTWU4WkdOdz09)

**Meeting ID: 865 9775 4505**

**Passcode: 642826**

Board Approved changes to by-laws will be distributed in August, along with the slate of candidates to fill board positions. Please contact us if you're interested in becoming a board member or would like to nominate a member who consents to serve. The Board is asking that any member interested in serving on the board send an email with a short bio that would include year(s) of service on the Grand Jury.

**[nominate@gjaoc.org](mailto:nominate@gjaoc.org)      Chair, Nominating Committee**

**SEPTEMBER, 2022:**

Our next luncheon speaker scheduled for **September 8** is Matt Murphy, former Orange County ADA. He may have appeared before your panel with a criminal indictment, and is well known for being on Forensic Files, Dateline, 48 Hours, Cold Cases as a lead prosecutor on Orange County's DA Homicide Panel. Guests outside the membership are invited @\$25.00.



Since we have business to conduct and votes required from the General Membership of the GJAOC, the business portion will begin at **10:30AM on September 8**. Please come early and vote on bylaw changes and the new board for 2023-2024 who will be sworn in at our December 1st General Meeting and luncheon. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT**, and will allow us to enjoy the speaker and socialize.

If you know of a non profit that is fulfilling recommendations from Grand Jury Reports, please contact **[donations@ljaoc.org](mailto:donations@ljaoc.org)**

Interested in serving as a board member or if you'd like to nominate a person (with their consent), please contact : **[nominate@ljaoc.org](mailto:nominate@ljaoc.org)**. Directors for the Board are elected in September and sworn in at the December general meeting/luncheon. If you're interested in serving, please send a short bio to the nominating committee.

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