



Serving on the Orange County Grand Jury

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Grand Jury Recruitment

- Now Recruiting for
2024-2025

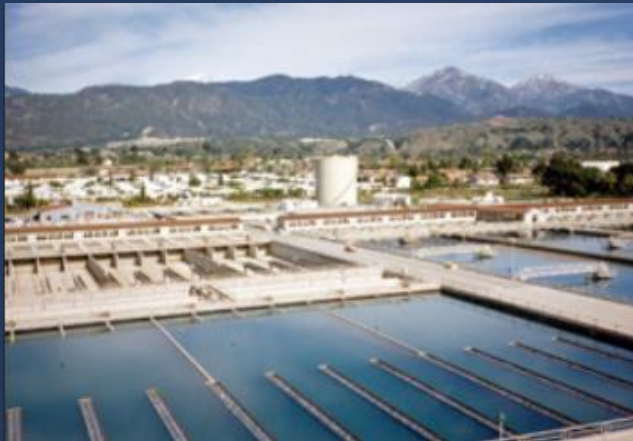
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Grand Jury Responsibilities

- Ensure Orange County, its entities and agencies are being governed honestly, efficiently and in a fiscally sound manner- to name a few:
 - Agencies
 - Health Care Agency, Homeless Centers, Animal Care, Social Services etc.
 - John Wayne Airport
 - Special Districts
 - Water, Sanitation, Landfill, etc.
 - Law Enforcement, Coroner and Jails
 - Fire Authority
 - Emergency Communications Bureau (911)





- **Elected Officials**

- Sheriff-Coroner
- District Attorney
- Auditor/Controller
- Board of Supervisors
- Treasurer/Tax Collector
- Assessor

- **Heads of County Agencies**

- Health Care Agency
- Social Services
- Animal Care
- Transportation- i.e. JWA
- Public Works

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MEET and GREET

Indictments

- Brought to the Grand Jury by the District Attorney
- Based on evidence presented, GJ makes recommendations to indict or not indict
 - Civil
 - Criminal

DANA POINT

Firefighter charged in hit-and-run that killed pedestrian

By Hunter Lee
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A grand jury handed up an indictment last week charging a 13-year veteran Orange County Fire Authority firefighter with a hit-and-run crash that killed a man in Dana Point last year, officials said on Tuesday.

Jeffrey Richard Grasinger, of Rancho Santa Margarita, was indicted on one felony count of hit and run with permanent injury or death, according to the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

On Oct. 21, 2022, Grasinger, 36, is accused of striking the victim, 24-year-old Said Darinel Sanchez, a pedestrian who was crossing Pacific Coast

Highway, the district attorney's office said in a news release on Tuesday.

The crash caused the victim to go airborne, spin through the air, and fall head-first into the pavement.

Video of the collision captured the moment the vehicle hit its brakes before crashing into the victim, as well at the moments after the crash, including the vehicle leaving without stopping or rendering aid, the district attorney's office said.

The vehicle was tracked to a home in Rancho Santa Margarita by Orange County Sheriff's Department investigators, who found blood on the front of the vehicle and damage

consistent with hitting a pedestrian.

Grasinger was determined by investigators to have been behind the wheel when Sanchez was struck and killed.

"Firefighters are public servants who are sworn to protect the lives of others," Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer said in the news release. "While another driver stopped to render aid after witnessing the collision, Mr. Grasinger, a professional firefighter trained to provide medical attention, drove off after hitting a human being. The fact that a sworn firefighter would disregard a human life so callously is not only disturbing; it is criminal."

Grasinger is still an em-

ployee with the OCEFA, OCEFA Capt. Greg Barta said on Tuesday.

He was released on his own recognizance over the objection of prosecutors, who argued for bail, and is scheduled to be arraigned on Nov. 17 at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana.

"Mr. Grasinger has been a dedicated firefighter for 13 years and has risked his life many times to save countless citizens," Paul S. Meyer, Grasinger's attorney, said in a statement on Tuesday. "He is not guilty of the charges."

He faces a maximum sentence of four years in state prison if convicted.

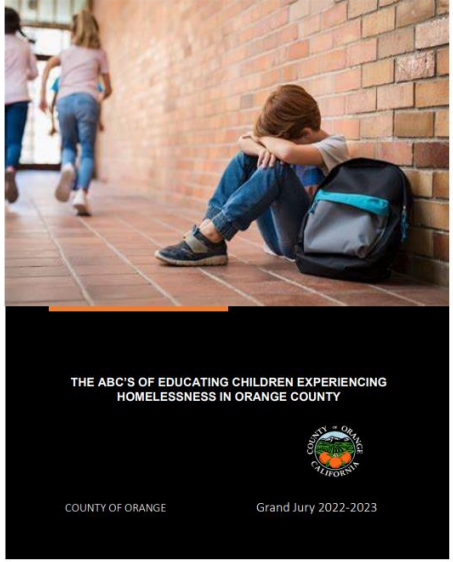
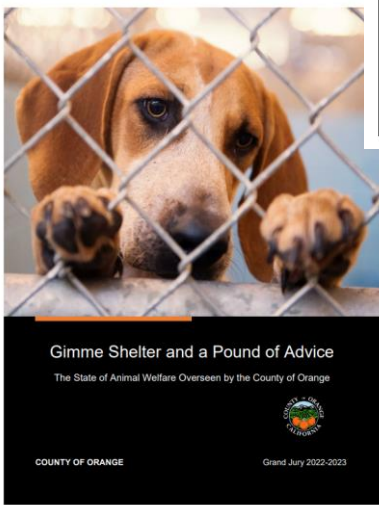
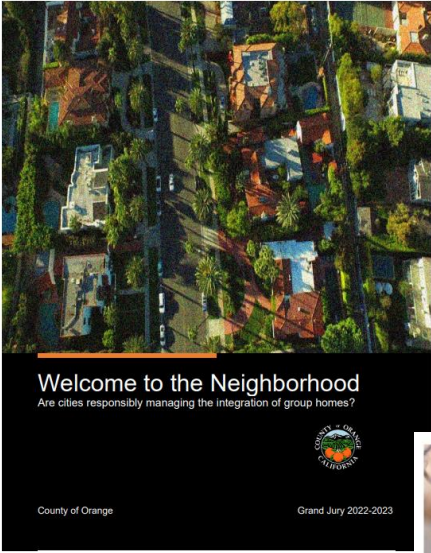
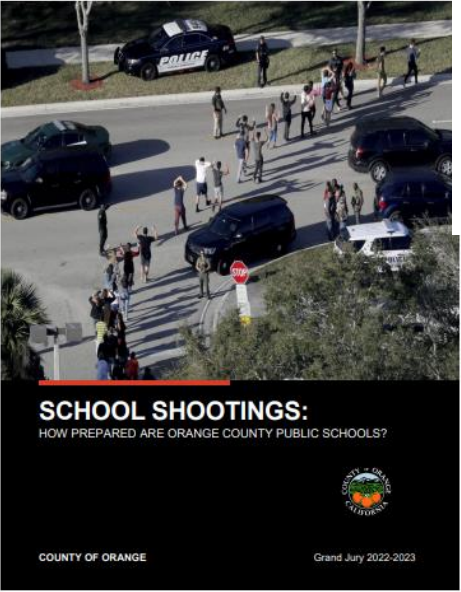
Officials with the fire department declined to comment on the case.



Investigations

- Rule In, Rule Out any potential wrong-doings
 - Facility tours
 - Interviews
 - Experts
- May stem from Public Complaints
- May be things we hear about from our neighbors, friends, others
- If appropriate, reports will be authored and issued to the public

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Orange County Grand Jury tour of landfill in Brea, CA



VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON THE 2024-2025 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY

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To be eligible you must be a **County of Orange Resident, a U.S. Citizen, 18 years of age, or Older, have command of the English language, and possess sound judgement.**

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