



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Grand Jury  
Attn: Michael Simmons  
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Dear Michael Simmons,

Please find the response to Grand Jury Report No.1605, "Caring for the Victims" attached. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you,

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**City Of Brentwood Response to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations  
Grand Jury Report No. 1605, "Caring for the Victims."**

**FINDINGS**

**Grand Jury Finding F6**

Many social workers in CFS, law enforcement, officers in Juvenile Hall and victim advocates in the DA's Office are not implementing the CSEC Protocol because they have not seen it.

**City Response:** The City partially disagrees with the finding. The City of Brentwood has not implemented the CSEC Protocol because the City has not seen it. However, the City of Brentwood cannot speak to what the other agencies are doing or not doing in regards to the Protocol.

**Grand Jury Finding F7**

CFS, the leader of the Oversight Committee, has not followed up with its interagency partners that have signed off on the Protocol, but have not submitted their own CSEC department plan/protocols to the Oversight Committee.

**City Response:** The City partially disagrees with the finding. The City of Brentwood has not been aware of the Protocol. CFS has not contacted the City of Brentwood regarding the Protocol. The City of Brentwood does not have any knowledge as to what communication has occurred between CFS, the Oversight Committee, and their interagency partners.

**Grand Jury Finding F9**

Suspected CSEC victims are being arrested and booked into Juvenile Hall for their own safety pursuant to various statutes under the Welfare & Institutions Code, relating to infractions and crimes committed by youth, while the County assesses the appropriate health and social services to provide.

**City Response:** The City disagrees with the finding because it is not able to speak to what other agencies are doing or not doing. The City of Brentwood does not book suspected CSEC victims into Juvenile Hall.

**Grand Jury Finding F11**

No single database covering all CSEC-related arrests, referrals and pending cases exists in the County.

**City Response:** The City agrees with the finding.

**Grand Jury Finding F14**

Most County personnel and law enforcement dealing with victims of CSEC lack in-depth CSEC training, necessary facilities for temporarily accommodating the victims and a clear-cut plan of action, which lays out how to rescue, protect, and service the victims of CSEC in a manner that is caring and trauma-informed.

**City Response:** The City partially disagrees with the finding. The City of Brentwood takes Human Trafficking very seriously, and City staff is well trained and dedicated to the victims of this horrible crime. The City of Brentwood agrees that we can always do more to improve our response to CSEC victims, and we will continue to look at ways to

enhance our response. The City is not, however, able to speak to what County personnel and other law enforcement agencies are doing with respect to dealing with victims of CSEC and/or their level of training; nor what specific facilities or programs are or not available to victims.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Grand Jury Recommendation R2**

The Board of Supervisors, City Councils and Sheriff's Department should consider recommending that all CSEC interagency partners, as listed in the CSEC Protocol, in Contra Costa County adopt their own CSEC protocols and submit them to CFS for approval.

**City Response:** The recommendation requires further analysis. The City of Brentwood is not specifically identified as an interagency partner in the CSEC Protocol. It is unclear at this time if a separate CSEC protocol is warranted. The City of Brentwood will work with CFS to determine how the City of Brentwood should proceed. This analysis will be completed no later than November 11, 2016.

### **Grand Jury Recommendation R9**

The Board of Supervisors, City Councils and Sheriff's Department should consider recommending that all first responders (usually law enforcement) refer suspected victims of CSEC to specialized and dedicated CSEC personnel, to be established within CFS.

**City Response:** The recommendation requires further analysis. This recommendation would be ideal if CFS is capable of handling these types of referrals. Without more information, the City of Brentwood is unable to implement this recommendation. The City of Brentwood will work with CFS to gain a better understanding of their CSEC Protocol and how law enforcement can refer CSEC victims to their agency. This analysis will be completed no later than November 11, 2016.

### **Grand Jury Recommendation R11**

City Council and Sheriff's Department should direct law enforcement to avail themselves to CSEC training programs formulated by CFS.

**City Response:** This recommendation will be implemented. The City of Brentwood will make Brentwood law enforcement personnel available for specific CSEC training offered by CFS. The Brentwood Police Department will contact CFS regarding this recommendation.