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UPDATE ON GRAND JURY RECRUITMENT

Santa Ana - The Orange County Superior Court received 141 applications from prospective jurors to serve on the 2001- 2002 Grand Jury, announced Presiding Judge C. Robert Jameson.

The chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment /Selection Committee Judge Frederick P. Horn said, "I'm encouraged by the number of minorities and women who applied to serve on the Grand Jury, approximately 19% of the applicants are minorities representing Orange County's diverse Asian, Hispanic, Black and Native American populations and 30% of the applicants are women."

The Court and the Grand Jury Recruitment Committee aggressively canvassed Orange County citizens to serve on the Grand Jury: 2,150 applications were mailed to prospective applicants, and flyers were distributed to 943 companies and 140 minority organizations. Members of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee also spoke at public meetings and appeared on television public affairs programs to encourage qualified people to serve on the 2001-2002 Grand Jury. However, the court was not quite as successful in recruiting prospective members as last year's three-year record high of 172 applicants.

To proceed in the application process, each qualifying applicant will be interviewed by two Superior Court judges and background investigations will be conducted by the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Judges of the Superior Court will then submit the nominations of qualified applicants into a random drawing from which 19 individuals will be selected to serve on the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury serves for a one-year period, investigates the operations of county government and considers evidence for possible indictment of individuals for criminal felonies. A grand juror must be 18 years of age or older, a United States Citizen and have resided in Orange County for at least one year.

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