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**Application Deadline To Serve on the
2003/2004 Orange County Grand Jury
is Quickly Approaching**

Santa Ana - The January 17, 2003, deadline for applications to serve on the Orange County Grand Jury is quickly approaching, and the Orange County Superior Court urgently seeks interested citizens, particularly Hispanics and other minorities, to apply immediately.

To date the Court has received 135 applications. Approximately 33 percent of the applicants are women and 18 percent are minorities: three Hispanics, three Asians, two Blacks, seven American Indians and 10 who identified themselves other than Caucasian.

“Its important that the composition of the prospective Grand Jury represent the diversity of Orange County’s population,” said David T. McEachen, Assistant Presiding Judge and Chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee. “We strongly encourage all interested community members to submit an application.”

Canvassing efforts for prospective 2003/2004 grand juror members included 3017 applications that were mailed to prospective applicants, and flyers that were distributed to 1,190 companies and 111 minority organizations. Also, recruitment ads were placed in English, Spanish and Vietnamese language newspapers, members of the current Grand Jury and the Judges Recruitment/Selection Committee spoke to organizations and appeared on television programs to inform the community of the opportunity to serve on the Grand Jury.

Applications may be obtained by visiting the Court’s website at www.occourts.org or by calling the Grand Jury Hotline at (714) 834-6747 or at the Jury Commissioner’s Office, 1st floor, Room A100, Courthouse 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, California between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

An orientation for grand juror applicants is scheduled for **Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m.** in Department C-1, 2nd floor, Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana. Following the orientation, the first step in the selection process will begin. 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.

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