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### **GRAND JURY APPLICANTS REACH 223**

Santa Ana - The Orange County Superior Court received 223 applications from prospective jurors to serve on the Orange County Grand Jury. The average age of the applicants is 63 years old.

Approximately 16% of the applicants are minorities: 9 Hispanic, 1 Filipino, 6 Asian, 5 Black, 8 Native American Indian and eight who identified themselves other than Caucasian. The number of female applicants increased to 35% percent.

“I’m pleased that we were able to encourage more people to apply for the Orange County Grand Jury, said Assistant Presiding Judge David T. McEachen, Chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee. “Having more applicants, provides a greater opportunity to increase the diversity of the grand jury.”

The Court and the Grand Jury Recruitment Committee aggressively canvassed Orange County citizens to serve on the Grand Jury: 3,017 applications were mailed to prospective applicants, and flyers were distributed to 1,190 companies and 111 minority organizations.”

An orientation for grand juror applicants is scheduled for Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. in Department C-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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