

**CITY OF BRISBANE  
RESPONSE TO THE HANDLING FORENSIC EVIDENCE  
GRAND JURY REPORT**

July 7, 2003

Hon. Beth Labson Freeman  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Hall of Justice  
400 County Center; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Redwood City, California 94063

Dear Judge Freeman:

This letter is to serve as the City of Brisbane's response to the Grand Jury Report regarding Handling Forensic Evidence. The only item that appears to reference our jurisdiction is:

52. Police Departments of San Mateo County and the Sheriff's investigation units should review and update their respective investigation protocols regarding how first responders manage various kinds of crime scenes and whom they should call.

We agree. We have been collaborating with the Sheriff, District Attorney, and other police departments to review the County Wide Sexual Assault Protocol. The Police Chiefs' Association will be review other county wide investigative protocols during the next year.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recommendations made by the Grand Jury.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Hitchcock  
Chief of Police