

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Department of Public Social Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
2/11/04

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors recognize the Riverside County Office of the District Attorney.

BACKGROUND: Studies show that almost 70% of child neglect and abuse cases involve substance abuse. Parents who expose their children to the dangers of illegal substances are criminally negligent and should experience the maximum penalties under law. Because of the skill and tenacity of the Riverside County Office of the District Attorney, a defendant was successfully prosecuted for the death of her child from exposure to an overdose of Methamphetamine. This skillfull prosecution has undoubtedly heightened public awareness of this very serious and tragic issue.

Departmental Concurrence

Dennis J. Boyle

Dennis J. Boyle, Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature *Dan Marting*

- Dept't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ **District:** *A2C* **Agenda Number:** _____

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Board of Supervisors

*In Recognition Of
Grover Trask, District Attorney
for his Contributions Toward the Health and Safety
of the Children of Riverside County, California*

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WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement from all; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention succeeds because of partnerships created among social services and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the abuse of controlled substances, particularly Methamphetamine, is at alarming proportions; and

WHEREAS, studies show that almost 70% of child neglect and abuse cases involve substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the violence that Methamphetamine use instigates usually takes place in the home, affecting children both directly and indirectly; and

WHEREAS, parents who willfully expose their children to the dangers of Methamphetamine use criminally endanger the health of their children, and

WHEREAS, because of the skill of the Riverside County District Attorney, a defendant was successfully prosecuted for the death of her child from exposure to an overdose of Methamphetamine ; and

WHEREAS, this prosecution heightens community awareness of a very serious and deadly issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that on February 24th, 2004, the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby recognize, Grover Trask, District Attorney of the County of Riverside, for his determination to assist in the alleviation of child neglect and abuse in Riverside County, California.

BOB BUSTER
First District, Chairman

JOHN F. TAVAGLIONE
Second District

JAMES VENABLE
Third District

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