

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR CRIME VICTIMS IN ORANGE COUNTY

North Justice Center

Victim/Witness:714-773-4575

Central Justice Center

Victim/Witness:714-834-4350

West Justice Center

Victim/Witness:714-896-7188

Lamoreaux Justice Center

Orange:714-935-7074

Harbor Justice Center

Newport Beach:949-476-4855

Deputy: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Report #: _____

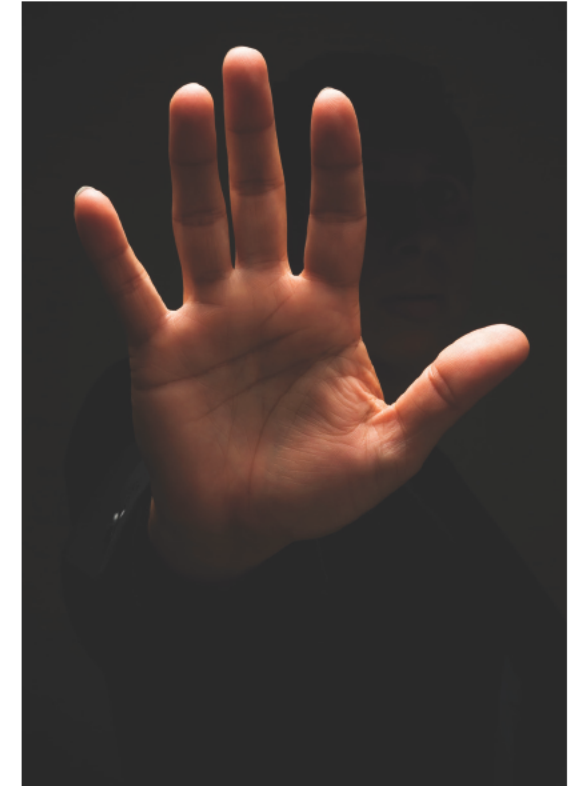
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VISION

*A community where every person
feels safe and valued.*

MISSION

*The men and women of the
Orange County Sheriff's Department
are dedicated to the protection of all we serve.
We provide exceptional law enforcement services
free from prejudice or favor, with leadership,
integrity, and respect.*



Reporting Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents



ORANGE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

It is the right of every person regardless of race, nationality, gender, disability, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, to be secure and protected from threats and intimidation, property damage and physical harm caused by the activities of violent groups and individuals. All reported cases of hate crimes are fully investigated by the Sheriff's Department.

WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

A hate crime (California Penal Code § 422.55) is a criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of one or more of the following **actual or perceived characteristics of the victim**:

- Disability
- Gender
- Nationality
- Race or ethnicity
- Religion
- Sexual orientation
- Association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics

Please note, the above listed characteristics are examples, and other bases for actual or perceived protected social group characteristics exist.

Criminal acts include, but are not limited to:

- Graffiti or vandalism
- Physical violence against another person(s)
- Criminal threats of violence against an individual or group

WHAT IS A HATE INCIDENT?

A hate incident is behavior that is motivated by hate or bias towards a person's actual or perceived disability, gender, nationality, race, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation but that is not criminal in nature. Typically these behaviors are protected by the First Amendment right to freedom of expression. If this type of activity escalates to threats being made or carried out against a person or property, or becomes an incitement to commit violence, it may be classified as a hate crime.

Examples of a hate incident include:

- Distribution of non-threatening flyers with hate messages in a public place
- Displaying non-threatening placards with hate messages at a parade or funeral
- Slurs, name calling insults or other derogatory terminology
- Writing a letter to the editor ridiculing people with protected characteristics
- Displaying hate material on private property that does not result in property damage

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM VICTIMIZED?

- In an emergency, call 911. Otherwise, call OC Sheriff dispatch at **(714) 647-7000** or **(949) 770-6011** to make a report.
- Obtain medical attention, if needed. Be sure to keep all medical documentation.
- Leave all evidence in place. Do not touch, remove or clean up anything. e.g., graffiti, egg shells, writing on a vehicle.
- Document what happened. Take photographs of evidence if it's safe to do so, writing down exactly what was said, particularly any words that indicate bias motivation, and other information that may be valuable.
- Get the name(s), address(es), phone number(s) and emails of other victims and witnesses.
- If possible, write down a description of the perpetrator and the perpetrator's vehicle.
- Visit 211oc.org Orange County's website for resources available to victims of hate activity.

REPORTING HATE ACTIVITY

Orange County residents are encouraged to report hate crimes and incidents. Data related to hate activity in Orange County helps law enforcement to identify trends and develop strategies to prevent and address future incidents.

Hate activity may be reported anonymously to 2-1-1 Orange County at hatecrime.211oc.org.

Scan the QR code for more information

