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RONALD L. RUIZ DISTRICT ATTORNEY

May 18, 2000

BOARD AGENDA: June 6, 2000

The Honorable Mardi Wormhoudt, Chairperson and Members of the Board of Supervisors Governmental Center 701 Ocean Street, Room 500 Santa Cruz, California 95060

#### RE: FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 GANG VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION PROGRAM (GVSP)

Dear Chairperson Wormhoudt and Members of the Board:

We are currently in the process of re-applying to the **Office** of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) for fiscal year 2000-2001 funding for our Gang Violence Suppression Program. As part of the re-application process, we are requesting your Board to adopt a Resolution ratifying our grant application.

The District Attorney's Office is eligible to receive \$110,571 from OCJP to administer a Gang Violence Suppression Program (GVSP) in Santa Cruz County during fiscal year 2000-2001. This program requires recipient agencies to provide a \$33,171 cash match. The District Attorney's Office has been a recipient of GVSP grant funds since 1991 and has received a total of \$494,000 to finance an Assistant District Attorney position. The primary goal of this program is to identify and prosecute gang leaders and other gang members who engage in crimes of violence within Santa Cruz County.

This year we have made several changes to the grants budget allocations to improve the operation of the program and conform to grant guidelines. Since the grant is limited to gang cases originating out of the South County jurisdiction and we do have gang cases in the North County area, we are planning to reduce the 1 .OO FTE attorney position to a .75 FTE position. This would allow our attorney with the desired degree of expertise to handle gang cases throughout the County, and not violate the grant requirements. Based on the grant caseload statistics as of late, we anticipate the gang attorney will be able to fully handle all cases. The .25 FTE position devoted to non-grant gang cases will be funded out of the General Fund.

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By reducing the attorney's allocation under the grant, we are able to increase the inspector allocation from a .10 FTE to a .20 FTE. Also, we are able to fund a .25 FTE victim advocate position. The increase in inspector time will allow us to investigate gang crimes in an improved way and the victim advocate services are sorely needed for direct and derivative victims of these crimes.

A copy of our grant application accompanies this letter for your review. We will continue to notify your Board of any changes to the fiscal year 2000-2001 GVSP grant applications in accordance with applicable County procedures.

THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to reapply to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for fiscal year 2000-2001 Gang Violence Suppression Program funding.

Sincerely,

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RONALD L. RUIZ DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORSOF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA0103

#### **RESOLUTION NO.**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO APPLY FOR FUNDS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 FOR A GANG VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County desires to undertake a certain project designated the Gang Violence Suppression Program, to be funded in part from funds made available through the Gang Violence Suppression Program administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (hereafter referred to as OCJP).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLVES AND ORDERS that the District Attorney of the County of Santa Cruz is authorized, on its behalf to submit an application for state funding for a Gang Violence Suppression Program to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning and is authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County a Grant Award Agreement, including any extensions or amendments thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant agrees to provide all matching funds received for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OCJP and that the cash match will be appropriated as required.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OCJP disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this <u>d a y</u> o f \_\_\_\_\_ 2000, by the following vote:

VOTE-

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

> MARDI WORMHOUDT CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

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#### OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING GRANT AWARD FACE SHEET

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The Office of Criminal Justice Planning, hereafter designation Administrative Agency (1) <u>COUNTY OF</u>	gnated OCJP, hereby makes a grant award of funds to the following SANTA CRUZ
hereafter designated Grantee, in the amount and for the	purpose and duration set forth in this grant award.
(2) Implementing Agency Name <u>SANTA CR</u>	
Contact <u>RONALD L. RUIZ</u> Addres Telepho	ss <u>701 Ocean St., Room 200, Santa Cruz, CA 95060</u> ne <u>(831))454-2400</u>
(3) Project Title (60 characters maximum) BROAD-BASED APPREHENSION, SUPPRESSIO TREATMENT & ALTERNATIVES	(6) Award No.           ON,           GV99010440
(4) Project Director (Name, Title, Address, Teleph (four lines maximum)	one) (7) Grant Period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001
RONALD L. RUIZ, DISTRICT ATTORNEY 701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 200 . SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA 95060 (831) 454-2400	(8) Federal Amount 0 (9) State Amount \$77,400
(5) Financial Officer (Name, title, Address, Teleph (four lines maximum)	one) (10) Cash Match . \$33,171
ROSEMARIE MANLEY, FINANCIAL OFFICE 701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 200 SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA 95060	0
(831) 454-2400	(12) Total Project Cost \$110,571
the Assurance of Compliance forms which are being award and agrees to administer the grant project in Request for Applications (RFA)and the OCJP Gram	sal for the grant which is attached and made a part hereof, and submitted. The grant recipient signifies acceptance of this grant accordance with the statute(s), the Program Guidelines, this tee Handbook The grant recipient further agrees to ail legal tee Program Guidelines, this RFA, and the OCJP Grantee
FOR OCJP USE ONLY	(13) Official Authorized to Sign for Applicant/Grant recipient
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Chapter: .	Mald L. Huis
PCA No.:	Name: RONALD L. RUIZ
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Amount:	
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Split Encumber:	Date: May 12, 2000
Year:	I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and
Fed Cat. #.:	purposes of this expenditure stated above.
Match Requirement:	Fiscal Officer, OCJP Date
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Program:	Executive Officer, OCJP Date
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#### Office of Criminal Justice Planning Multi-Component Gang Violence Suppression Program

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#### PLAN

#### 2.b. INDIVIDUAL COMPONENT PROJECT DESIGN - PROSECUTION

#### 2.b.I. Project Goals, Purpose and Proposed Activities

The primary goal of the BASTA Prosecution component will be to (1) identify and aggressively prosecute gang leaders and (2) identify and prosecute any other gang members who are charged with crimes involving violence or threats against witnesses. The project will assure that swift and appropriate results are reached in both juvenile and adult court. Achievement of this goal will remove these most prolific criminal offenders from their peer groups and reinforce the message that unpleasant consequences will be imposed on those who associate with criminal gangs in the BASTA project jurisdiction.

The successful prosecution of gang leaders will greatly hamper the ability of gangs to organize and recruit new members. Protecting and providing assurance to gang-crime witnesses necessarily goes hand-in-hand with this goal; without a specialized effort to protect witnesses -- and to keep them involved and cooperative in their cases -- prosecution will be ineffective.

The secondary goal of the BASTA prosecution component will be to work with other components involved in gang intervention, supporting their efforts to empower the community and curb the criminal activities of youth gangs. The information which will be obtained in this process will also assist in pursuing the primary goal stated above.

The project will establish a vertical prosecution Gang Violence Suppression Unit (GVS) within the District Attorney's Office. This unit will include a .75 FTE highly qualified grant-funded prosecutor who will be assigned significantly reduced caseloads from the BASTA

project jurisdiction. A victim advocate will be provided at .25 FTE. Investigator resources will also be provided through a designated investigator staff at .30 FTE. These services will be partially covered by grant funds, and. supplemented with non-grant funds. The maximum caseload for the unit will ideally be one-third of the office felony standard, and in no circumstances more than one-half. The BASTA staff will be dedicated to addressing gang activities arising in the Pajaro Valley which is by far the most heavily gang-impacted area in Santa Cruz County. Their efforts will be augmented by the same prosecutor at a .25 FTE and funded by county funds as 'well as other locally funded staff prosecutors from the District Attorney's Violent Felony Unit. These additional resources will vertically prosecute gang violence cases which occur in Santa Cruz County and outside the BASTA jurisdiction. In addition, the assistant district attorney assigned to the county's juvenile department will also compliment the BASTA attorney's efforts in all juvenile cases which involve gang conduct but which do not otherwise meet the gang's grant selection process. This staffing level will provide back-up to the BASTA project, enabling "unit vertical" prosecution when necessary. It will also expand the project's knowledge of gang members who cross jurisdictional boundaries to engage in criminal gang activities.

Written policies have been developed to assure true vertical prosecution by the BASTA attorney and to guarantee unit back-up only when necessary. Organizationally, the BASTA prosecutor will report directly to the supervisor of the Violent Felony Unit, who, in turn, reports directly to the Chief Deputy District Attorney. The GVS investigator will report directly to the Chief of Inspectors, who also reports directly to the Chief Deputy. The BASTA prosecutor will, at a minimum, meet weekly with the supervisor of the Violent Felony Unit to review the grant caseload, grant objectives and the unit's progress in achieving those objectives. The BASTA attorney will have at least three years of prosecution experience, including at least

one year at the felony level. He or she will have received or will receive shortly after assignment highly specialized gang prosecution training. The BASTA prosecutor will work closely with **other** agencies involved in gang intervention to become the county's expert prosecutor in the field of gang related crimes. It will be the responsibility of the BASTA prosecutor to assure that thespecialized training and information gained by the GVS unit is made available to other contributing and supporting staff in the District Attorney's Office so that all gang-related cases are handled with a similar degree of expertise.

The supervisor of the Violent Felony Unit as well as the project prosecutor, will attend, as schedules permit, meetings of the BASTA Steering Committee. The BASTA prosecutor and the GVS Unit's investigator will attend meetings of the BASTA Technical Team, Santa Cruz County Gang Investigators, and the Central Coast counties Gang Task Force. The Chief of Inspectors will also attend these meetings as time permits. The BASTA prosecutor and the GVS Unit's investigator will work closely with the police, the probation department, schools, parks department and C.B.O.'s. With the increased information available to the GVS prosecutor and investigator by working closely with the other components, more gang related crime information can'be furnished to the pre-trial release staff at the jail, to the judge when bail is being considered for adults, and to the probation and juvenile hearing officers when a juvenile offender is arrested. This information will then be used to resist the pre-trial release of the charged gang member.

In the case of adult arrests, police officers will be trained in the use of Penal Code Section 1269c, "Motions to Increase Bail." Aggressive implementation of PC §1270 (which states that public safety <u>shall</u> be the primary concern in considering a release on one's own recognizance) as well as PC §1270.1 (requires a court hearing if bail is set contrary to schedule on serious felonies), will also help ensure that gang members will remain

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incarcerated while awaiting pending prosecution. In addition, a concerted effort will be made to convince local judges to increase the bail schedule amounts on **gang** related offenses and e n h a n c e m e n t s .

The BASTA prosecutor and investigator will be designated to serve as the liaison for all gang-related crimes.' As a result, all potential GVS crimes from the projects jurisdiction will be brought to the BASTA prosecutor for initial filing consideration. This early involvement by the BASTA prosecutor will ensure that appropriate investigations are completed in a timely fashion so that adult defendants and juvenile offenders are not released based on the need for additional time for investigation by the People.

Early involvement in the case with more information about the crimes and partiesinvolved will assist in the appropriate selection of cases. The cases selected for prosecution in the GVS unit will have a disposition criteria established by stressing the importance of obtaining convictions of the most serious charges possible with the most severe sentence possible. Caseload limits will be set substantially lower than the office non-vertical felony. prosecution average. Caseloads will be closely monitored in order that no plea bargains result from the inability to devote sufficient time to a case. Penal Code §1192.7 limits on plea bargaining will be adopted as the criteria governing all GVS cases. The early involvement and vertical prosecution of GVS cases combined with the expertise developed and the amount of knowledge that will be available to the GVS unit will assure a substantially increased conviction rate.

Carrying a reduced caseload will allow the BASTA prosecutor and investigator the time to assure that each case is properly prepared. This will also enable the BASTA attorney and investigator to spend more time with victims and witnesses, reassuring them, quelling their fears and, as a result, maintaining their cooperation. The addition of a victim advocate will

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enhance the efforts of the GVS unit as the victim/witnesses will have additional support through the court process. The GVS unit will also coordinate witness protection efforts by law enforcement agencies so that a variety of strategies can be pursued to protect witnesses from intimidation or retribution by gang members or associates. Measures implemented will include increased contact and patrol by police and Sheriff, follow-up investigation on reports of harassment, more prosecutor contact, assignment of victim/witness advocates and witness relocation, if necessary. The BASTA prosecutor will be responsible for developing and updating the the protocol for witness protection to be implemented with the GVS unit, law enforcement agencies and the victim/witness program.

Sentence lengths will be increased in project cases because the BASTA prosecutor willbe involved in the case at the earliest stages, so that cases are properly investigated and prepared and that the charges are filed correctly and include all enhancements that are available. The BASTA cases monitored in regular meetings with the Violent Felony Unit supervisor will be screened for potential sentencing issues, so that the BASTA prosecutor will only accept cases which merit serious sentences. Sentence length will also be increased through the inter-agency information provided by other BASTA members. This information will be used to convince the court that gang members convicted of **serous** crimes should be removed from the community and, thus, removed as negative role models for younger children.

The BASTA prosecutor in conjunction with the GVS unit will also maintain an outreach program which will meet with the Local Law Enforcement Chiefs Association and with the local law enforcement agency commanders and gang investigators to inform them of the existence of the GVS unit. The BASTA prosecutor will also inform all local law enforcement that the definition of "criminal street gang" as outlined in Penal Code §186.22 will serve as the

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screening criteria used to determine who will be prosecuted by the unit. This information will be sent to each local law enforcement agency in written form. The GVS Unit will also provide information about the unit and its activities to the Crime Analysis Unit for inclusion in their regular bulletin to all local agencies. In addition, the GVS Unit will work with all law enforcement agencies to standardize the investigation and record keeping necessary to support the "predicate acts" which form the basis of the gang enhancements under Penal Code §186.22.

The BASTA prosecutor and the GVS unit as a whole will also serve as liaison to (1) the other component agencies of this grant, (2) all other law enforcement agencies in the county, and (3) the Santa Cruz Regional Crime Analysis Unit, which collects and furnishes gang data from all county law enforcement agencies. This will assist in tracking gang members who commit crimes in multiple jurisdictions and keep a more accurate picture of gang activity for "predicate acts" and the testimony of gang experts. This liaison function will allow the BASTA prosecutor to assist with all gang related cases by coordinating community information that will help determine which gang members should be directed to drug counseling, job counseling, school completion or community organizations. Thus, this liaison function will enhance the BASTA prosecutor's ability to tailor specific probation terms for offenders not sent to the California Department of Corrections or the California Youth Authority. As the liaison with schools, police, probation, parks, youth services, and other community based counseling services, the BASTA prosecutor will be able to relay information learned in court regarding gang members and the nature of their involvement in crimes so that it can be utilized in designing counseling programs to prevent re-offending. This will also allow the staff to inform probation and police of special conditions of probation that will require strict monitoring.

The District Attorney's Office maintains a computer case management system which will

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have a special designation for each gang case that is prosecuted by the GVS unit. Monthly and quarterly reports will be issued by the Santa Cruz County' Information Services Department which relate to the objectives of the grant. In addition, each GVS case will require. completion of a form designed to capture the data necessary to document program activities and the achievement of program objectives. Included on the form will be the justification for accepting the case into the grant and the disposition of the case and the reasons therefore. Another copy of this form will be maintained under separate cover. The BASTA prosecutor and investigator will be responsible for gathering and including all the information in the file and the Violent Felony Unit supervisor will be responsible for the maintenance and retention of the required documentation. The BASTA prosecutor will work with the other agenciesinvolved in gang violence suppression and prevention to develop and use data systems which are compatible so that information can be shared and mutually accessed electronically.

#### 2.b.2 Project Impact on the Stated Problem

The removal of hard core gang members will reduce peer pressure on others to commit violent acts and other gang-motivated crimes. This will impair the gangs' ability to recruit new members. The obvious examples being set by police and prosecutors will make it less attractive for others to engage in gang-related criminal conduct. The success of witness protection programs and community involvement will demonstrate that gang crimes cannot be committed without consequences and will further reduce the incidence of gang crimes. This will also put gang members on notice that their activities will not be tolerated by the community.

Increasing the pressure and punishment on gang activity, making education and job training opportunities more available, and increasing prevention activities, will encourage at-

risk youth to steer clear of gang involvement. Finally, by advancing our ability to mount successful multidisciplinary collaborations, BASTA will increase the capacity of our criminal justice system, school systems, community-based organizations and others to provide creative, multi-faceted and closely tailored responses to the pervasive social challenges of posed by the growing youth gang problem.

#### 2. b.3. Supportive Information on the Necessity of the Project

<sup>5</sup> The prosecution component of the BASTA approach to gangs in the Pajaro Valley could not be supported without the GVS grant from OCJP. This is compelling because gang violence remains a significant problem in the highly impacted project area. Experience has' demonstrated that the effective prosecution of gang cases requires an intensive resource commitment -- a commitment which Santa Cruz County cannot make without the BASTA project. This is substantially the result of geographic and demographic factors well outside of District Attorney's Office control. These factors include the agricultural nature of the Pajaro Valley, and the fact that many of residents of the project area are poor and don't speak English. Further, our contiguous borders with Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties result in a substantial "spill-over" of crime from Silicon Valley and the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. As a consequence, we suffer from "big city" crime problems without the tax base or resources to adequately respond.

Our agencies must constantly adjust and readjust their operations to deal with these challenges. Frequently their designated anti-gang personnel also have other duties and functions. BASTA is our only means of providing gang prosecution and intervention services to the Pajaro Valley. Without the efforts of the BASTA staff, there would be no consistent quality standard for the development of these cases in that pervasively gang-affected area.

Compounding these problems are staffing issues as well as the political climate of Santa Cruz County. In Santa Cruz County, public defenders funded by the County actually outnumber prosecutors. According to estimates from the CDAA, the state-wide ratio of public defenders (including "alternate" public defenders) to prosecutors is approximately 1.5 to 1. CDAA indicates that Santa Cruz County may be the only county in California where publically funded defense attorneys outnumber prosecutors.

The lack of a highly qualified and trained BASTA staff with significantly reduced caseloads to vertically investigate and prosecute gang crimes would gravely impair our effectiveness in these critical cases. Follow-up investigation would be erratic and completed by whatever investigator happened to be available. "True vertical prosecution" of gang cases' by attorneys would be the exception instead of the rule. We would be unable to significantly encourage, protect or reassure gang crime witnesses. In addition, many of these witnesses would not be appropriately prepared for court and our ability to gain convictions would suffer.

Without a BASTA grant, the District Attorney's Office contribution to the Pajaro Valley and county-wide anti-gang effort would be minimal. BASTA will be the central feature of the District Attorney's GVS Unit and criminal prosecution of gang cvases. <u>It would be pointless --</u> and we would be unable -- to form a GVS Unit without BASTA. As a result, we would not be able to develop and maintain the specialized expertise needed to formulate investigative tactics and direct gang cases. No one would be qualified or available to train and coordinate the efforts of other agencies. The criminal justice system's overall ability to handle these crucial cases would substantially erode.

Prosecution Component, BASTA, Watsonville, CA

#### MANDATORY OBJECTIVES - PROSECUTION COMPONENT

#### Program Objective 1: Pretrial Release

Prosecutors shall resist the release prior to trial or hearing of a charged defendant/minor meeting the selection criteria.

The objective is measured by:

#### Activities

- Ia. The number of defendants in continuous custody through case completion: <u>25</u>.
- 1 b. The number of defendants **not** in continuous custody through case completion: <u>3</u>.
- 1c. The number of juveniles in continuous custody at completion of jurisdictional hearing: <u>4</u>.
- Id. The number of juveniles **not** in continuous custody at completion of their dispositional hearing: <u>3</u>.

**Narrative:** Discuss the agency's plan to resist **defendants'/minors'** release from custody prior to trial/jurisdictional hearing.

The BASTA prosecutor and investigator will attend meetings of the BASTA Technical Team, Santa Cruz County Gang Investigators, and the Central Coast Counties Gang Task Force. The prosecutor and investigator will work closely with the police, the probation department, schools, parks department and C.B.O.'s. With increased information available to the GVS Unit by working closely with the other components, more gang related crime information will be furnished to the pre-trial release staff at the jail, to the judge when bail is being considered for adults, and to the probation and juvenile hearing officers when a juvenile offender is arrested. This information will then be used to resist the pre-trial release of the charged gang member. In the case of adult arrests, police officers will be trained in the use of Penal Code Section 1269c, "Motions to Increase Bail." Aggressive implementation of PC §1270 (which states that public safety shall be the primary concern in considering a release on one's own recognizance) as well as PC §1270.1

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(requires <u>a court</u> hearing if bail is set contrary to schedule on serious felonies), will also help ensure that gang members will remain incarcerated while awaiting prosecution. In addition, a concerted effort will <u>be made</u> to <u>convince local</u> judges to increase the bail schedule amounts on gang related offenses and enhancements.

The District Attorney's GVS staff will be designated to serve as the liaison for all gangrelated crimes. As a result, all potential GVS crimes will be brought to the BASTA prosecutor for initial filing consideration. This early involvement by the BASTA prosecutor will ensure that appropriate investigations are completed in a timely fashion so that defendants and juveniles are not released based on the need for additional time for investigation by the People.

The source documentation that will be used to collect information, report data and measure the extent to which this objective is achieved includes "face sheet" data maintained in the District Attorney's on-line automated case management system (PROFILE), the BASTA prosecutor's Intake/Filing log, BASTA Defendant Data Forms, and the "hardcopy" files maintained by the District Attorney's Office.

#### Program Objective 2: Reduce Plea Bargaining

Eliminate or reduce the use of plea bargaining, as measured by the following:

- · Trial: \_ 4 \_
- Dismissal: <u>3</u>.
- 2b. The number of defendants with cases completed by:
  - An open/straight plea: 21 .
  - A plea bargain by the court or prosecutor: <u>7</u>.
- **2c.** The number of defendants with cases completed by:

- A plea to the most serious charge: <u>18</u>.
- A plea to a lesser charge: <u>17</u>.

**Narrative:** Discuss the agency's plea bargain policy in regards to gang-related cases. The District Attorney's GVS staff will be established as the liaison for all gang related crimes: As a result, all potential GVS crimes will be forwarded to the BASTA prosecutor for initial filing consideration. Early involvement by the BASTA prosecutor will ensure timely investigation and 1 reduce plea bargaining. Moreover, regular meetings will be held with the GVS unit and the supervisor of the Violent Felony Unit. Caseload will be monitored to preclude plea bargaining due to insufficient preparation time. Additionally, Penal Code 1192.7 plea bargaining limitations will be adopted as the criteria governing all GVS cases.

The source documentation that will be used to collect information, report data and measure the extent to which this objective is achieved includes "face sheet" data maintained in the District Attorney's on-line automated case management system (PROFILE), the BASTA prosecutor's Intake/Filing log, BASTA Defendant Data 'Forms, and the "hardcopy" files maintained by the District Attorney's Office.

#### Program Objective 3: Conviction Rate

Increase conviction or sustained petition rates for offenders prosecuted by specialized gang violence units, as measured by the following:

#### Activities

- 3a. The number of gang defendants convicted on any charge: <u>27</u>.
- 3b. The number of gang defendants **not** convicted on any charge: <u>3</u>.
- 3c. The number of juveniles with a sustained petition: <u>4</u>.
- 3d. The number of juvenile defendants for whom petitions were not-sustained: <u>1</u>.

**Narrative:** Discuss what process the agency will use to increase conviction **or** sustained petition fates.

The BASTA prosecutor will be involved with cases at the earliest stages. This will allow the' BASTA prosecutor to direct investigation and become thoroughly familiar with a case. As **a** result, conviction rates and the number of petitions sustained will rise. The BASTA prosecutor will carry a reduced caseload, which will assure adequate case preparation. Likewise, vertical **prosecution** by an experienced prosecutor who will have ample access to gang-related information will enhance our prosecution efforts.

The source documentation that will be used to collect information, report data and measure the extent to which this objective is achieved includes "face sheet" data maintained in the District Attorney's on-line automated case management system (PROFILE), the BASTA prosecutor's Intake/Filing log, BASTA Defendant Data Forms, and the "hardcopy" files maintained by the District Attorney's Office.

#### Program Objective 4: Sentence Length

Increase' the length of sentences or commitments and the ratio of maximum sentences or commitments in cases prosecuted, as measured by the following:

#### Activities

- 4a. The number of defendants/minors sentenced to incarceration: <u>31</u>.
- 4b. The number of defendants/minors convicted of the most serious charge, and who received the most severe sentence for that charge: <u>16</u>.
- **4c.** The number of defendants/minors convicted on a lesser charge, and who received the most severe sentence for that charge: \_ 15 \_
- 4d. The average length of sentence: N / A

**Narrative:** Describe how the project prosecutor(s) will seek enhanced sentences or commitments.

Sentence lengths will be increased in GVS cases because the BASTA prosecutor will be involved in the case at the earliest stages, so that cases are properly investigated and prepared This will also ensure that charges are filed correctly and include all available enhancements. The GVS cases monitored in regular meetings with the Violent Felony Unit supervisor will be screened for potential sentencing issues, so that the BASTA prosecutor will only accept cases which merit serious sentences. Sentence length will also be increased through the information provided by other BASTA members. This information will be used to convince the court that gang members convicted of serous crimes should be removed from the community and, thus, removed as negative role models for younger youth.

The source documentation that will be used to collect information, report data and measure the extent to which this objective is achieved includes "face sheet" data maintained in the District Attorney's on-line automated case management system (PROFILE), the BASTA prosecutor's Intake/Filing log, BASTA Defendant Data Forms, and the "hardcopy" files maintained by the District Attorney's Office.

#### Program Objective 5: Reduce Prosecutor Caseload

Reduce the GVS unit prosecutor's average caseload, as measured by a comparison to the average caseload of other felony prosecutors in non-vertical prosecution units, as measured by the following:

#### Activities

- 5a. The average caseload of non-vertically prosecuted felony cases by non-GVS unit prosecutors: <u>285</u>.
- 5b. The average GVS unit project caseload: <u>.48</u>.\*
- \* Calculated at the rate for a 1.0 FTE. At a 75 FTE, actual average GVS Unit project caseload is 35.

**Narrative:** Describe how the GVS unit will maintain a reduced caseload.

Regular meetings will be held with the GVS Unit and the Violent Felony Unit supervisor to monitor the caseload. Early involvement in the case with more information about the crimes and parties involved will assist in the appropriate selection of cases. The cases selected for prosecution in the GVS Unit will have a disposition criteria established by stressing the importance of obtaining convictions of the most serious charges possible with the most severe sentence possible. The maximum caseload for the unit will ideally be one-third of the office felony standard, and in no circumstances more than two-thirds.

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#### Program Objective 6: Vertical Prosecution

Achieve vertical prosecution, i.e.; assignment of the same prosecutor to a case from arraignment to sentencing, as measured by the following:

#### Activities

- 6a. The number of defendants/minors prosecuted using true vertical prosecution: <u>31</u>.
- 6b. The number of defendants/minors prosecuted using major stages vertical prosecution: <u>3</u>.
- 6c. The number of defendants/minors prosecuted using unit vertical prosecution: 1.
- 6d. The number of defendants/minors prosecuted without using vertical prosecution: <u>0</u>.
- **Narrative:** Discuss the agency's plan for conducting vertical prosecution.

The District Attorney's GVS Unit will include a highly qualified grant-funded prosecutor and

investigator resources (both grant and non-grant funded). The BASTA prosecutor will be assigned significantly **reduced** caseloads from the project's jurisdiction. The maximum caseload for the BASTA prosecutor will ideally be one-third of the office felony standard, and in no circumstances more than one-half.

To help enhance the overall effectiveness of the District Attorney's efforts to curb illegal gang activities, the BASTA efforts will be supplemented by non-gant funded prosecutors responsible for conducting vertical prosecution of non-BASTA gang cases (i.e., cases arising in Santa Cruz County but outside the BASTA jurisdiction) and the prosecutor regularly assigned to the Juvenile Court (also not grant-funded). This will provide back-up for "unit vertical" prosecution, if necessary, and expand the District Attorney's Office's knowledge of gang members who cross jurisdictional boundaries to advance criminal gang activities. Written policies will be developed to assure true vertical prosecution by the BASTA attorney and to guarantee unit back-up only when necessary. The GVS Unit will meet weekly with the Violent Felony Unit supervisor.

It will be the responsibility of the BASTA prosecutor to assure that the specialized training and information gained by the GVS Unit is made available and utilized by the rest of the Unit so that all gang related cases are handled appropriately.

Organizationally, the BASTA prosecutor will report directly to the Violent Felony Unit supervisor, who reports directly to the Chief Deputy District Attorney. The GVS unit investigator will report directly to the Chief of Inspectors, who also reports directly to the District Attorney. The GVS unit will meet weekly with the Violent Felony Unit supervisor to review the BASTA caseload, objectives and assess the unit's progress in achieving those objectives. The investigator assigned to work with the Unit will be highly experienced with over ten years of full-time background in felony investigations. The grant-funded BASTA prosecutor will have at least three years of experience as a prosecutor, including at least one at the felony level. Each will have received, or

will receive shortly after assignment, highly specialized gang prosecution training. He or she will work closely with other components involved in gang intervention to become the District Attorney's Office expert in the field of gang related crimes.

The Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office maintains a computer case management system which will have a special designation for each gang case that is prosecuted by the GVS unit. Monthly and quarterly reports will be issued by the Santa Cruz County Information Services Department which relate to the objectives of the grant. In addition, each GVS case will require a form designed to capture the data necessary to document program activities and the achievement of program objectives. Included on the form will be the justification for accepting the case into the grant and the disposition of the case and the reasons therefore. Another copy of this form will be maintained under separate cover. The BASTA prosecutor and the unit's investigator will be responsible for gathering and including all the information in the file. The Violent Felony Unit supervisor will be responsible for the maintenance and retention of the required documentation.

The source documentation that will be used to collect information, report data and measure the extent to which this objective is achieved includes "face sheet" data maintained in the District Attorney's on-line automated case management system (PROFILE), the BASTA prosecutor's Intake/Filing log, BASTA Defendant Data Forms, and the "hardcopy" files maintained by the District Attorney's Office.

#### Program Objective 7: Street Terrorism Enforcement and Prevention Act (STEP) Prosecutions

This objective will enhance and increase prosecutor abilities in the selection criteria, filing supplementary offense reports validating "criminal street gang membership," and "criminal street gang validation" as codified in Section 186.22 of the Penal Code.

This objective will be measured by the following:

#### Activities:

7a. The establishment of policies, procedures, and necessary definitions to validate ganginvolved individuals referred for a criminal complaint or indictment under Section1 86.22 of the Penal, Code. Upon establishment, the selected project will submit to OCJP **a** copy of the developed policies, procedures and definitions or the date that the policies, procedures, and definitions are to be or were established and implemented by previously (date).

7b. The number of cases prosecuted under Section 186.22 of the Penal Code: 24 .

The GVS unit will maintain an outreach program which will meet with the Local Law Enforcement Chiefs Association and with the local law enforcement agency commanders and gang investigators to inform them of the existence of the GVS unit. The unit will inform all local law enforcement that the definition of "criminal street gang" as outlined in Penal Code 5186.22 will serve as the screening criteria used to determine who will be prosecuted by the unit. This information will be sent to each local law enforcement agency in written form. The GVS unit will also provide information about the unit and its activities to the Crime Analysis Unit for inclusion in their regular bulletin to all local agencies. In addition, the GVS unit will work with all law enforcement agencies to standardize the investigation and record keeping necessary to support the "predicate acts" which form the basis of the gang enhancements under Penal Code §186.22.

The source documentation that will be used to collect information, report data and measure the extent to which this objective is achieved includes "face sheet" data maintained in the District Attorney's on-line automated case management system (PROFILE), the BASTA prosecutor's Intake/Filing log, BASTA Defendant Data Forms, and the "hardcopy" files maintained by the District Attorney's Office.

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#### Program Objective 8: Agency Coordination

Enhance coordination among agencies **involved** in the suppression of **gang** violence, including law enforcement, probation, schools, and community organizations, as measured by the **following**:

8a. The number of BASTA Steering Committee meetings to be held by this unit: <u>0</u>
8b. The number of BASTA Steering Committee meetings to be attended by this unit: <u>12</u>.
8c. The number of other administrative contacts with:

- Law Enforcement: <u>260</u>.
- Probation: <u>100.</u>
- . Schools: <u>10</u>.
- Others: <u>20</u>.
- Total: <u>350</u>.

**Narrative:** Describe how the project will work with law enforcement, probation, the schools, and community-based organizations.

The BASTA prosecutor and others in the GVS unit will serve as liaison with (1) the other component agencies of the BASTA grant; (2) all other law enforcement agencies in Santa Cruz County; and (3) the Santa Cruz Regional Crime Analysis Unit, which collects and furnishes gang data from all county law enforcement agencies. These liaison efforts will assist in tracking gang members who commit crimes in multiple jurisdictions and enable a more accurate picture of gang activity for "predicate acts" and the testimony of gang experts. This liaison function will also allow the GVS Unit to assist with all gang-related cases by coordinating community information that will help determine which gang members should be directed to drug counseling, job counseling, school

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completion or community organizations. Moreover, the liaison function will also enhance the BASTA prosecutor's ability to tailor specific probation **terms** for offenders not sent to the California Department of Corrections or the California Youth Authority.

As the liaison with schools, police, probation, parks, youth services, and other community based **counselling** services, the BASTA prosecutor and others in the GVS unit will be able to relay information learned in court regarding gang members and the nature of their involvement in crimes so that it can be utilized in designing counseling programs to prevent re-offending. This will also allow the unit to inform probation and police of special conditions of probation that will require strict monitoring.

The GVS Unit will work with the other agencies involved in gang violence suppression and prevention to develop and use data systems which are compatible so that information can be shared and accessed electronically. The Violent Felony Unit supervisor, as a participant in the Local Coordinating Committee, will assist the committee chair in the coordination of all GVS agencies to ensure that minutes of the committee's meetings are sent to the OCJP GVS branch.

The source documentation that will be used to collect information, report data and measure the extent to which this objective is achieved includes the "hardcopy" files maintained by the District Attorney's Office.

#### Program Objective 9: Witness Protection

Increase coordination with law enforcement agencies to protect cooperating witnesses from intimidation and retribution, as measured by the following:

#### Activities:

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9a. The number of witnesses provided protection services by the GVS unit: 25.

9b. The number of witnesses referred to other agencies for protection services: <u>6</u>.

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- **9c.** The number of all cases accepted for prosecution, in which the case was dismissed because of the nonappearance or lack of cooperation by **a witness(es)**: <u>4</u>.
- 9d. The number of cases prosecuted involving witness intimidation: . 1

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Narrative: 'Discuss the project's plan for witness protection regarding project-related cases.

As indicated previously, carrying a reduced caseload will allow the'prosecutor the time to ensure that each case is properly prepared. This will also enable the GVS Unit to spend more time with victims and witnesses, reassuring them, quelling their fears and, as a result, maintaining their cooperation. The GVS unit will also coordinate witness protection efforts by law enforcement agencies so that a variety of strategies can be pursued to protect witnesses from intimidation or retribution by gang members or associates. Measures implemented will include increased contact and patrol by police and sheriff, follow-up investigation on reports of harassment, more prosecutor contact, assignment of victim/witness advocates and witness relocation, if necessary. The GVS prosecutor will be responsible for reviewing and revising the protocol for witness protection to be implemented with the GVS unit, law enforcement agencies and the victim/witness program.

The source documentation that will be used to collect information, report data and measure the extent to which this objective is achieved includes the "hardcopy" files maintained by the District Attorney's Office.

#### Program Objective 10: Victim/Witness Services

Increase victim services to victims and witnesses of gang related violence.

#### Activities:

10a. The number of victims/witnesses provided victim services by the GVS unit: \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1 Ob. The number of cases accepted for prosecution in which the case was dismissed because of the nonappearance or lack of cooperation by a witness(s): 2.

**Narrative:** Discuss the projects plan for increasing victim services to vidtims and witnesses of gang related violence.

Violent crime can have devastating and long-lasting effects on the victims, family members and the community. There may be physical and emotional damage and financial loss. Interacting with the criminal justice system may be frustrating and cause feelings of alienation. These effects are often exacerbated for victims/witnesses of gang violence. Parents and relatives of gang members live in a double fear; they fear for their own safety and that of other non-gang family members. They also fear for their gang member son or daughter's survival. In contrast, defendant gang members often have the support of their family, peers and local community based organizations to assist them through the court process. A victim/witness advocate will assist victims through the court process by assuring that they are treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect throughout the court process. A victim/witness advocate will contact victims and witnesses at an early stage of the court proceedings. It is anticipated that early contact with victim/witnesses will assist with witness protection when necessary, quell victim/witness fears regarding the court process and thereby enlist the cooperation of these victims/witnesses. The advocate will be bilingual in order that the advocate can best serve mono-lingual and persons whose primary language is Spanish. It is anticipated the advocate will work from an office located within the BASTA project jurisdiction in order to be accessible to victims/witnesses.

The advocate will attend mandated victim advocate training offered by OCJP. The advocate will also attend specialized training regarding Hispanic street gangs. This will include attending the Technical team meetings once per month.

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#### Optional Program Objective 11: Local Needs

A project may establish optional objectives, based upon identified local needs, to addresslocal gang violence problems in the project's target area. Identify your local needs in this section. Ensure that the measurements of the, activities selected to accomplish the objectives, are quantifiable.

Narrative: Describe the activities to be used to meet the optional local needs objectives.

BASTA will assist in the coordination of Watsonville's First Annual National Night Out Event, a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and is scheduled for August 1, 2000. This national Night Out Campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials. It has been organized in over 9,000 communities in all 50 states. The National Night Out event is designated to heighten the community's awareness of crime, drugs and violence and to generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs. This event will strengthen neighborhood participation from local anti-crime programs and strengthen 'neighborhood spirit, police-community partnerships and send a message to persons who commit crimes that neighborhoods are organize and fighting back. These activities include block parties, cookouts, visits from local law enforcement, parades, flashlight walks, contests and other activities.

#### Budget Narrative

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A specific explanatory narrative to support each requested line item is included on the application's budget pages as directed in the Programmatic Instructions.

The resources requested will provide direct support to the BASTA prosecution component during the FY 2000-2001 grant year. The budget will directly support the objectives and activities discussed in this application by financing the program's staffing and operational costs.

The vast majority of the funds will be used to finance the salaries and benefits of the BASTA prosecutor, investigator and advocate.

The BASTA prosecutor will maintain a reduced caseload and will work in close coordination with the other components of the BASTA Program. The prosecutor will utilize "<u>true vertical</u>" prosecution techniques, handling each case from point of referral through screening, charging, all court appearances, disposition and sentencing. The investigator will assist in investigation of select cases, witness protection, and in trial preparation, including interview of Spanish speaking witnesses.

Minimal administrative costs are allocated to training, overhead, operating and audit expenses. The victim advocate will serve the emotional and financial needs of the victims and witnesses in grant cases.

The project prosecutor meets or exceeds OCJP requirements for this program. This includes membership in the California Bar and specific prosecutorial training and extensive trial experience. Additionally, he is the current grant prosecutor and, as such, completely familiar with the grant requirements and gang prosecution. The investigator will be Spanish speaking, which

addresses the predominant ethnic composition of our gang cases. The advocate will be Spanish speaking as well in those cases requiring such services,

Mid-year salary adjustments for the grant staff are shown in the line item detail for each grant funded position. These adjustments are consistent with the compensation levels adopted by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors for members of the Assistant District Attorney and investigator payroll class No additional mid-year salary adjustments are contemplated.

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#### **B.A.S.T.A. - Prosecution Component**

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL		
A. Personal services -'Salaries/Employee Benefits		СОЅТ
(1) .75 FTE Assistant District Attorney		• ••••• / 1
26 Pay periods @ \$38.03	\$79,102	
Administrative Leave: 80 hrs @ \$38.03/hr	\$ 3,042	
On-call pay: 492 hrs @ <b>\$2.00/hr</b>	\$ 984	
Subtotal	\$83,346	\$62,346
PERS Retirement @ 7.913%	\$ 4,933	
OASDI @ 7.650%	<b>\$</b> 4,769	
Employee insurance/Annual rate as per MOU	\$ 2,783	\$12,485
Salary and benefits		\$74,831
(2) .20 FTE DA Inspector		
26 Pay periods @ \$30.85/hr	\$64,168	
POST Differential pay: 2080 hrs x \$1 .10/hr	\$ 2,288	
Subtotal	\$66,456	\$13,291
PERS Retirement @ 13.166%	<b>\$</b> 1,750	
Medicare tax @ 01.45%	\$ 193	
Employee annual insurance rate per MOU	<b>\$</b> 867	\$2,811
Salary and benefits	3	\$16,102
(3) .25 FTE Victim Services Representative		
26 Pay periods @ \$13.24/hr	\$27,539	
Bilingual pay @ \$.75	\$ 1,560	
Subtotal	\$29,909	\$ 7,27
PERS Retirement @ 12.612%	<b>\$</b> 917	
OASDI @ 7.650%	\$ 557	
Employee annual insurance rate per MOU	<b>\$</b> 630	\$,2,10
Salary and benefits		\$ 9,37
Total Employee Salary and Benefits		\$100,31

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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL	,	
B. Operating Expenses		COST
1. Conference and Training Requirements:		
The resources requested in this category are to finance mandatory continuing legal education for the GVSP prosecutor and investigator at such training courses as may be required by OCJP in connection with this grant program. Costs are calculated as follows:		
OCJP mandated training conference for one Assistant District Attorney and one DA inspector		
(A) Registration @ \$200 for assigned staff	\$400	
(B) Lodging for 3 days @ \$100 for assigned staff	\$600	
(C) Flight costs @ \$150 for assigned staff	\$3	0 0
(D) Per diem for 3 days @ \$42 for assigned staff	\$252	\$1,552
Joint team building coordination training for GVSP staff		\$ 700
Total Conference and training		\$2,252
2. <u>Audit Costs</u>		
The resources requested in this category are to finance the mandated audit required by state and county authorities. The cost estimate is based on the OCJP Program Plan required by the state and county authorities.		\$ 500
3. <u>Office Supplies</u>		
4. <u>State Bar dues</u> Bar dues paid per attorney = \$395 x 75%		\$ 296
5. <u>Automobile allowance</u> Automobile allowance is for inspector = \$290 per month x 30%		\$696
6. <u>Business allowance</u> Attorney business expense allowance is \$100 per year = \$100 x 75%		\$75
<ol> <li>Internet access Projects are required to gain and maintain internet access with an establish address throughout the grant period. Maintenance is \$80 per month: Attorney cost = 12 months x \$80 x 75% = \$720</li> </ol>	ed e-mai	
Inspector cost = 12 months x \$80 x 30% = \$288		\$912
<ol> <li>Indirect cost Projects may charge indirect costs not to exceed 5% of the actual total direct project costs, excluding equipment</li> </ol>		\$ 5,529
Total operating expenses		\$10,260

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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL	_
C. Equipment	COST
No equipment ordered	
TOTAL ALL EQUIPMENT	0
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES	\$110,571

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	PROJECT SUMMARY			
I. PROJECT YEAR	2. PROJECT TITLE	3. GRANT PERIOD		
New Year 2 <u>X</u> Year 3 Other	Broad-Based Apprehension, Suppression, Treatment and Alternatives (BASTA)	<u>July 1.2000</u> To June 30, 2001		
1. APPLICANT Name: County of Santa Crux District Attorney's Office Phone: 831.454.2400 Fax #: 831.454.2227 Address: 701 Ocean Street, Room 200 Santa Crux, CA 95060		5. FUNDS REQUESTED \$		
Name: Santa Crux (Prosecution	<ul> <li>5. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY         Name: Santa Crux Co. District Attorney's Office Phone: 831.454.2400 Fax #: 831.454.2227         (Prosecution Component)     </li> <li>Address: 701 Ocean Street, Room 200, Santa Crux, CA 95060</li> </ul>			
7. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION The purpose of this program is to (1) identify current gang members and intervene in their activities in order to eliminate the threat they pose to themselves and the community and (2) give at-risk youth and their families the information and skills they need to prevent future gang involvement. The BASTA <b>program</b> (which is the Spanish word for "enough) is a multi-component initiative of the Santa Crux County <b>Distric</b> : Attorney's Office, Sheriffs Office, Probation Department, the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, the <b>City</b> of Watsonville Police Department, the City of Watsonville Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Service! Department, and Fenix Service. These agencies will provide integrated law enforcement, prosecution probation, education and community-based services to address the goals of this program.				
<ul> <li>3. PROBLEM STATEMENT</li> <li>Organized gangs, gang violence and gang-related drug use and trafficking have a long history in the program's target area. Many area families include third generation gang members, making the problem SC entrenched that extraordinary resources are required to provide effective intervention. The target area has eleven Hispanic gangs. Total gang members and associates number approximately 754 and there an another approximately 254 non-member associates, giving the area an at-risk population of 1,008. Most gang members are between 14 and 24 years old, with juveniles comprising approximately 19% of the gang population. Offenses included murder, forcible rape, possession of firearms and/or deadly weapons robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, narcotics and a wide range of misdemeanor violations.</li> </ul>				
3. OBJECTIVES Resist the <b>pretrial/prehearing</b> release of at least 35 charged project defendants/minors. Eliminate or <b>reduce</b> the use of plea bargaining, limiting such dispositions to a maximum of 10. Increase to 30 the number o convictions or sustained petition for project defendants. Increase the length of sentences or commitment and the ratio of maximum sentences or commitments in project cases, with at least 38 defendants <b>sentences</b> to incarceration. Reduce the GVS prosecutor's average caseload to fifty cases, as opposed to the <b>Offic</b> felony average of 287 cases. Achieve true vertical prosecution from arraignment to sentencing in at least 4: cases. Utilize PC 186.22 "criminal street gang validations" in at least 5 cases. Coordinate closely with othe program components. Provide protection for 50 program witnesses. Assist in <b>Watsonville's</b> "First <b>Nation</b> Night Out," a community-wide crime and drug abuse prevention event.				

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<b>10.</b> ACTIVITIES Program <b>activities</b> include: participati <b>with</b> the other BASTA component <b>enforcement</b> agencies involved in gar vertical" prosecution, from filing throw <b>program</b> cases; resisting pretrial/pre- plea negotiations; increasing convi coordinating witness protection matta and drug prevention initiatives within maintaining required source do administrative/reporting tasks as recomposition.	nts; coordinating ang -related case bugh disposition, i cheating release ction rates and ters; assisting in n the project are locumentation;	g with other <b>law</b> s; providing "true in over 90% of all motions; limiting sentence lengths; community crime ea.; collecting and and performing	11. CATEGORY	AREA .
13. EVALUATION The grant solicitation did not require program will be continuously revis District Attorney's <b>Office.</b> It will reporting and monitoring requirement maintained at several levels, includin District Attorney's automated case to its staff will comply with any future sanctioned by OCJP.	a formal evaluat ewed by top ma also fully comp nts. Source docu ng case files, int tracking system.	tion. However, the anagement in the oly with all OCJP mentation will be take logs, and the The program and		F CLIENTS
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