

Report John Program

611.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Report John Program (RJP) was created to reduce human trafficking and prostitution in high impacted areas by targeting sex buyer activity.

611.2 BACKGROUND

Street level prostitution and human trafficking is a plague on the city. The Vallejo Police Department has entered into an agreement with the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking to bring the RJP to citizens of Vallejo.

RJP enables the community to report sex buying activity through a website. The citizen can provide vehicle and suspect information which is then evaluated by the Vallejo Police Department. If deemed appropriate, a "Letter of Visibility" is sent to the registered owner of a suspected vehicle alerting them that their vehicle was seen in an area known for high levels of prostitution. This also educates the registered owner about the dangers of prostitution and related illicit activities.

611.3 POLICY

The Vallejo Police Department will strive to reduce human trafficking and prostitution. Community tips reporting sex buying activities and human trafficking will be received through the Reportjohn.org website.

A designee of the Community Services Section will evaluate each tip, and if appropriate, a "Letter of Visibility" will be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle involved in the suspected activity. The tips and disposition of each tip will be collected and stored for a period of one year from when received.

611.4 GOALS

1. Increase communication with community members through the Reportjohn.org website relating to suspected sex buying, prostitution, and human trafficking activity.
2. Identify sex buyers and provide education and deterrence through "Letters of Visibility".
3. Receive viable tip information to assist with current of future prostitution and /or human trafficking investigations.

611.5 ONLINE TIP REPORTING

If provided by the tipster, Reportjohn.org can collect the following information:

1. Date and time of tip.
2. Photographs of the vehicle or activity observed.
3. Make, Model, Color, State and license plate of vehicle.
4. Date and time the activity was observed.

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5. The city the activity was observed in.
6. Address or location of the activity.
7. Narrative section describing the activity.
8. Description of the driver.
9. Any additional notes entered by the citizen.

611.6 TIP ENTRY AND EVALUATION

Reportjohn.org will send tips to the Vallejo Police Department at a pre-determined email address. The tips will then be reviewed and processed by the Community Services Section. The process will consist of the following steps:

1. Check RMS for prior matching entries.
2. Run vehicle license plate through DMV.
3. Confirm DMV make matches the tip information.
4. Evaluate registration address and address of tip to determine proximity.
5. Evaluate activity witnessed.
6. If appropriate, mail out "Letter of Visibility".

611.7 SAFEGUARDS

A "Letter of Visibility" will not be mailed if any of the following exist:

1. The reported vehicle is registered to an address within a four (4) block radius of the location of the suspected activity. Absent other prevailing factors, the occurrence will be presumed to be a resident regularly driving through the area.
2. If the descriptors provided in the tip regarding the vehicle description (make, model,color) do not match the DMV records. (Example: The tip describes a blue Honda and the DMV record returns to a red Toyota).
3. No less than two (2) tips are received regarding the same vehicle in a 12 (twelve) month period.

611.8 INFORMING THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE

See attachment: [Report John Letter.pdf](#)

Attachments

Report John Letter.pdf

Sample "Letter of Visibility"

DATE

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

Dear,

A vehicle registered under your name License number -----, has been observed in the area of -----
- and ----- in Vallejo, Ca. We want to make you aware that this area has high rates of human
trafficking and prostitution activity.

The City is taking a firm stance against perpetrators of these illegal activities. Prostitution is not a victimless crime and is often associated with kidnapping, human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children. These individuals, both children and young adults, have frequently been forced or coerced and are being prostituted, which makes them human trafficking victims. Buying sex from persons who frequently are human trafficking victims supports and encourages the illegal human sex trade in our community. These are grave concerns to the City and its residents. Human trafficking and prostitution has an impact that extends beyond the parties involved in the sexual transaction. There are numerous associated violent crimes and conduct that creates a public nuisance that negatively affect residents and neighborhoods exposed to this activity.

The Vallejo Police Department is working closely with concerned residents to inform the public of this public safety concern, investigate suspicious activity, and prosecute those attempting to solicit individuals for sex. Subdivision (b) of California Penal Code Section 647 makes soliciting sex a misdemeanor punishable with jail time and fines. Subdivision (k) of Penal Code Section 647 also authorizes the discretionary punishment of suspending or restriction the driver's license for up to 6 months pursuant Vehicle Code Section 13201.5 for any solicitation violation under subdivision (b) of Penal Code Section 647 that is committed within 1,000 feet of a private residence with the use of a vehicle.

We need your help and cooperation in keeping the City safe. If you are no longer the owner of the above-referenced vehicle, we recommend that you contact the California Department of Motor Vehicles to have your name removed from the registration records for this vehicle. Finally, we ask you to exercise caution when visiting this area and to report suspicious activity by calling the Vallejo Police Department at (707) 648-4321.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Vallejo Police Department