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April 15, 2003

Honorable Jim Brulte, Member
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 305
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 284 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Brulte:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 2,000 rank and file Deputy Sheriffs, Deputy Probation Officers, District Attorney Investigators and Deputy Coroners – the entire law enforcement team of the County of Riverside - is pleased to support your bill, SB 284.

Current law already requires a person convicted of certain felonies to provide two specimens of blood, a saliva sample, right thumbprint and a full palm print impression of each hand for law enforcement identification analysis.

There has been success with this limited program. DNA obtained from these specimens often provides the necessary evidence to finalize a case. Indeed, such information will reveal clues for cases beyond the known crime committed by the person and can implicate the convict to even more. This broader selection of personal information given to forensic teams, and used in a professional and ethical manner, should be of great value to society, certainly way beyond the initial expense or trouble involved in obtaining this material.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara
President

Timothy H. B. Yaryan
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: RSA