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OC Sheriff Sandra Hutchens' Response to SB54 Amendments

SANTA ANA, Ca. (Sept. 12, 2017) – Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens released the following statement reference recent amendments to SB54:

"I remain opposed to SB 54. Even with the amendments, the bill continues to restrict the ability of local law enforcement to communicate with federal law enforcement authorities.

Specifically, the bill does not allow for notification to federal authorities, at their request, of the pending release of certain wanted, undocumented criminals – including, but not limited to, repeat drunken drivers, misdemeanor hit-and-run drivers, those who assault peace officers, serial thieves, animal abusers, chronic abusers of dangerous drugs such as methamphetamine and heroin, and known criminal gang members arrested for most misdemeanor crimes.

Local law enforcement does not currently enforce immigration law and has no desire to engage in such activity. However, we must maintain the ability to cooperate with all levels of law enforcement on the removal of violent offenders from our community."