

## **Detective III Gilbert M. Escontrias**

Detective III Gilbert M. Escontrias has been with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for over 29 years. His assignments include Patrol, Juvenile Narcotics; School Investigative Buy Unit, Narcotics Buy Team, Community Relations, and Detectives. His investigative assignments include Homicide, Sex Crimes, Art Theft, Burglary, Auto-Theft, Pawnshop Unit, Cargo Theft, Violent Crimes Special Section and Receivers of Stolen Property Units. His most previous assignment was Mental Evaluation Unit where he was responsible for the development and presentation of training programs for Law Enforcement, both sworn and civilian personnel in identification, understanding and dealing with persons with Mental illnesses.

Detective Escontrias is currently assigned to the Los Angeles Regional Internet Crimes Against Children (LAICAC) Task Force. The ICAC is a State and Federal Grant-funded program spearheaded by Juvenile Division. The ICAC Unit works in concert with law enforcement affiliate agencies from Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. This confederation of agencies detects, investigates, arrest and prosecutes those who are interested in the sexual exploitation of children using the Internet or other electronic device as a means of contact. The ICAC conducts both pro-active and re-active investigations and enforces both state and federal statutes relating to child sexual exploitation. The ICAC Unit is currently at the forefront in the war against the sexual exploitation of children, and the ongoing and ever-increasing problem of Internet predators and the possession and distribution of child pornography over the Internet.

Detective Escontrias has been an instructor at the LAPD's Basic Detective School, the Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI) in the areas of Art Theft, Receivers of Stolen Property, Sting Operations, Pawnshop Procedures, and Metal Theft. He was the primary instructor for the LAPD Crisis Intervention Technique (CIT), the Mental Illness Orientation for Dispatchers and Mental Illness Orientation for Adult Correctional Officer courses. He is an instructor for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office Dispute Resolution Program. He has also presented Law Enforcement training courses in the areas of Professional Transient Burglars and Tobacco Enforcement (Investigation of Counterfeit and Contraband Tobacco)

Detective Escontrias regularly teaches at community meetings in the areas of theft, burglary prevention and fraud, theft, scams and crimes affecting the elderly, dealing with the mentally ill and Internet Safety.

Detective Escontrias has also been a guest speaker at conferences and seminars including the International Fraud Investigators Association, National Association of Bunco Investigators, Western States Burglary and Safe Association, the California Collateral Lenders Association, the Law Enforcement and Private Security Conference, American Polygraph Association, the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, and Autism Speaks Conferences.

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