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Subject: **RUMOR CONTROL: Snake death**

A false story has been circulating throughout the Anaheim and central Orange County communities during the past recent weeks which has caused unnecessary worry and concern. The Anaheim Police Department wishes to inform the public that this story is not true, and is merely a false rumor.

While there have been a variety of versions of this story, the basic premise revolves around a woman or a child who was shopping at a local grocery store and was bitten by a snake while reaching into a produce bin. The various stories all state that the involved person died as a result of the snake bite.

The Anaheim Police Department, Anaheim Fire Department, Orange County Animal Care Service and the involved store's corporate office are not aware of any such incident and believe this to be a very unfortunate and troubling rumor. There is no validity to this story.

Anyone with additional questions or concerns can call Sergeant Rick Martinez, Anaheim Police Public Information Officer at (714) 765-1521.