

**Grand Jury Report
RESPONSE FORM**

RE: Report Titled: *Ricochet Bullets - No Problem!*

Report Dated: February 19, 2011

Response Form Submitted By:

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office
589A Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA 95482

Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: June 8, 2011

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered:
2, 19,
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have attached, as required, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.
11 partially, 20 partially, 21

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

- The following Recommendation(s) have been implemented and attached, as required, is a summary describing the implemented actions:

- The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, attached, as required is a time frame for implementation:

GRAND JURY REPORT
RESPONSE FORM
PAGE TWO

The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis, and attached as required, is an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed: (This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)

The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, attached, as required is an explanation therefore:

2, 3, 4

I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 2 in addition to this transmittal _____

I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury. The clerk of the responding agency is required to maintain a copy of the response.

I understand that I must submit this signed response form and any attachments as follows:

First Step: E-mail (word documents or scanned pdf file format) to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us
- The Presiding Judge c/o Sally Nevarez: sally.nevarez@mendocino.courts.ca.gov
- The County's Executive Office: angeloc@co.mendocino.ca.us

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

Mendocino County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 939
Ukiah, CA 95482

Printed Name: Kurt O. Smallcomb

Title: Captain, Field Services Commander

Signed: 

Date: 8.26.2014

THOMAS D. ALLMAN
Sheriff-Coroner



Captain Kurt O. Smallcomb
Field Services
Captain Tim Pearce
Corrections

County of Mendocino
Office Of The Sheriff-Coroner

August 23, 2011

Honorable Cindee Mayfield, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California
County of Mendocino
County Courthouse
Ukiah, Ca 95482

RE: Response to Report of the Grand Jury

Dear Judge Mayfield:

Attached and enclosed please find my responses to the Grand Jury's report entitled:

Ricochet Bullets - No Problem!
Public Safety Apparently Not a Concern to City or County
February 19, 2011

The Grand Jury requires me to respond to Findings # 2, 11, 19 - 21 along with Recommendations #2 - 4.

Findings

2. The Sherriff's Office, functioning as an agent of the County, is operating under the Agreement with the UGC, which expired on July 7, 2005.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office agrees with this finding.

11. Mendocino County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) deputies are signed in as guests and pay \$5 each per day.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office is billed after the scheduled use of the Ukiah Gun Range, but deputies do not individually pay fees.

19. Metal targets and metal-framed targets are used at the ranges.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office agrees with this finding.

20. The ammunition rounds impact a rock-ridden hillside.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office agrees with this finding during February 2011.

589A Low Gap Road
Ukiah, California 95482-3734

707-463-4411
Fax 707-468-3404

21. Ricochets have been reported and a gunshot wound from a ricochet bullet has been documented in the press.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has no direct knowledge of this other than what was stated in an article in the local newspaper.

Recommendations

2. The BOS enact an ordinance barring use of metal targets and metal framed targets, (Findings 19-21).

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would refer this recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, gun range owners and the people of Mendocino County for a vote.

3. The BOS enact an ordinance requiring use of bullets, other than metal jacketed rounds for target practice, (Findings 19-21).

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would refer this recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, gun range owners and the people of Mendocino County for a vote.

4. The BOS enact an ordinance requiring erection of hay bales or sand berms behind targets to alleviate possibility of ricochets, (Findings 19-21).

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would refer this recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, gun range owners and the people of Mendocino County for a vote.

Should you or the Grand Jury have questions about any of my responses, please do not hesitate to contact me or Captain Kurt Smallcomb.

Sincerely,



Thomas D. Allman
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Finley Williams, Grand Jury Foreman
Kendall Smith, Chair - Board of Supervisors
Carmel Angelo, County CEO
Jeanine Nadel, County Counsel
Captain Kurt Smallcomb, Field Operations Commander