

Grand Jury Report

RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : BRING BACK THE DOG!
A REPORT ON THE MENDOCINO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S FORT BRAGG SUBSTATION

Report Dated : June 9, 2010

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

September 7, 2010

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:

- 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.
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 (See Attached)

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:
1,4 (See Attached)

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:
2,3,5 (See Attached)

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

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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: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov
- The County's Executive Office: ceo@co.mendocino.ca.us

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

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

ATTEST:

Carmel J. Angelo, Clerk of the Board
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors



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Printed Name: CARRE BROWN

Title: Chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Signed: 

Date: AUG 3 1 2010

ATTACHMENT

REPORT: BRING BACK THE DOG!

FINDINGS:

Findings 1-9: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has no specific information regarding Findings 1-9 and therefore incorporates by reference herein, the responses to findings prepared by the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors supports Recommendation 1 to the extent the budget allows for additional positions.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2,3,5: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has no authority to implement these recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4: This Recommendation will be implemented once funding is available.

Findings

1. The staff includes one Lieutenant, three Sergeants, one Evidence Technician/Office Assistant, nine Deputies, one Animal Control Officer, and one Detective.
2. The Coast has two unfilled Deputy positions; one is the South Coast Resident Deputy and the other would be assigned to the Substation in Fort Bragg.
3. The Evidence Technician/Office Assistant position has been reduced to 32 hours per week.
4. The MCSO/FB Substation no longer has a K-9 unit for officer protection or drug recognition.
5. There is no security camera to monitor the south entrance of the building, including the fenced area securing the parking lot.
6. The communication system has been improved. The system has three main channels: North County, Coast, and Ukiah.
7. The Mendocino County District Attorney has **not** adopted the *Mendocino County District Attorney's Office Disposition-Evidence Release Memo*.
8. Evidence should be released by the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office, (MCDAO), when a case is dismissed or adjudicated. Certain evidence, such as weapons, drugs, and evidence obtained with a search warrant, requires a court order for release.

9. The MCDAO does not notify the evidence room when a case has reached final disposition. This results in an accumulation of evidence that is no longer needed.

Recommendations

The Grand Jury recommends that:

1. the Mendocino County Sheriff fill the two vacant deputy positions. (Finding 2)
2. the Mendocino County Sheriff recruit and train a student to aid in office duties at the Fort Bragg substation. (Finding 3)
3. the Mendocino County Sheriff replace the K-9 unit. (Finding 4)
4. General Services install an additional security camera to monitor the south entrance and fenced parking area. (Finding 5)
5. the Mendocino County Sheriff encourage the Mendocino County District Attorney to adopt and use the *Mendocino County District Attorney's Office Disposition-Evidence Release Memo*. (Findings 7-9)