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May 14, 2007

Honorable Cindee F. Mayfield
Presiding Judge
Mendocino County Superior Court
100 N. State Street, Room 303
Ukiah, California 95482

Honorable Judge Mayfield:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to the Findings and Recommendations contained in the March 22, 2007 Grand Jury report on Transport in Crisis: Safety Issues in the Transport of Mental Health Clients. This letter contains responses from the City of Fort Bragg as required by California Penal Code Section 933. For the purpose of simplicity, the response from the Fort Bragg Chief of Police, from whom a response was requested, is incorporated in the attached comments.

The Fort Bragg City Council reviewed the Chief of Police's response at their meeting of May 14, 2007, and concurs with his responses to the findings and recommendations. As such, the attached document is the official response from the Fort Bragg City Council.

The City of Fort Bragg appreciates the Grand Jury's service and the opportunity to respond to this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Hammerstrom". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Doug Hammerstrom,
Mayor

Cc: Glenn Pavlovic, Grand Jury Foreperson



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RESPONSE PROCEDURE TO GRAND JURY REPORTS

The governance of responses to Grand Jury Final Report is contained in Penal Code § 933 and § 933.05. Responses must be submitted within 60 or 90 days. Elected officials must respond within sixty (60) days. Governing bodies (for example: the Board of Supervisors) must respond within ninety (90) days. Please submit all responses in writing and digital format to the Presiding Judge, the Grand jury Foreperson and the CEO's office.

Report Title: Transport in Crisis: Safety Issues in the Transport of Mental Health Clients
Report Date : March 22, 2007

Response by: Mark Puthuff Title : Police Chief

Findings

I (we) agree with the findings numbered:

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered:

7, 11, 12, 17, 22, 23

(attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

Explanations for Findings numbered:

- 7 Members of this department are not qualified to comment on this Finding.
- 11 Members of this department are not qualified to comment on this Finding.
- 12 Members of this department are not qualified to comment on this Finding.
- 17 Members of this department are not qualified to comment on this Finding.
- 22 Members of this department are not qualified to comment on this Finding.
- 23 Members of this department are not qualified to comment on this Finding.

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Recommendations

- Recommendations numbered: _____ have been implemented. (attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered: _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. (attach a time frame for implementation)
- Recommendations numbered: _____ require further analysis. (attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed; including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)
- Recommendations numbered: 4 will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable. (attach an explanation.)

Explanations for Recommendations numbered:

- 4 This recommendation calls for action by the Department of Mental Health. While the Fort Bragg Police Department can support the recommendation submitted by the Grand Jury, only the Department of Mental Health can implement said action.

Date: May 4, 2007

Signed: _____

Total number of pages attached: 0

