

Response Procedure to Grand Jury Reports

The governance of responses to the 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 60 days. Governing bodies (for example, the Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days. Please submit all responses in digital format to the Presiding Judge, the Grand Jury Foreman and the CEO's office.

Report Title: Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Coast Sector Sub-Station and Holding Cells in Fort Bragg

Report Date: November 3, 2005

Response by: Kevin Broin Title: Sheriff

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with findings numbered:

1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, and 15

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

3, 6, 10, 11, and 12

Finding #3 "A Coast Sector deputy sheriff generates approximately 20 hours of overtime every two weeks"

I partially disagree with this finding. After a review of the Overtime Recap spreadsheet, a Coast Sector deputy averages 10 hours of overtime every two weeks.

Finding #6 "*Storage space for evidence inadequate*".

I disagree wholly with this finding. We are planning to add evidence personnel to increase the rate of evidence purging. Increasing the rate of purging will make the space of the evidence storage room more functional and efficient. It will also be a more cost effective than construction of a new room. Additional analysis will done to physically upgrade the existing space.

Finding #10 *"The Coast Sector Holding Facility lacks an audio monitoring System"*

I partially disagree with this finding. Since the Grand Jury inspection, an audio monitoring system has been installed in both holding cells.

Finding #11 *"The handicapped rails, benches, air duct screens, wall panel, and faucet handles could be used by a prisoner to hang him/herself"*

I partially disagree with this finding. General Services has completed 95% of this project since the Grand Jury tour of the facility. It will be completed by mid-March.

Finding #12 *"The central heating and cooling system in the Sheriff's Coast Sector Sub-Station is inadequate".*

I partially disagree with this finding. General Services has completed upgrades to the heating and air-conditioning system. Historically, there have been problems with the heating and air-conditioning system. We will have to wait and see how the system functions in the summer months prior to rendering a decision on replacement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations number 2 and 3 have been implemented.

#2. The installation of the audio monitoring system is complete.

#3. This project-95% is complete and will be completed by mid-March.

- Recommendation number **6** has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The estimated time of implementation is June 1, 2006

- Recommendations numbered 1, 4 and 5 require further analysis.

#1. This issue will be resolved by increasing staff. Once the increase of staff is accomplished through the budget process and the person is functioning in the position, we will look further to see what needs to be done physically to improve the efficiency of the evidence storage room. This process will be completed when next fiscal years budget is adopted.

#4. General Service has worked on this problem and we have to wait and see if these measures are adequate. We will have a better understanding in the summer months.

#5. Further analysis needs to be completed prior to implementation. This will have budgetary impacts and we will need to explore those costs. It will be discussed with the CEO during the upcoming '06/'07 budget process.

- Recommendations numbered _____
Will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable. (Attach an explanation)

Grand Jury comment section: I disagree with the comment "*In the opinion of the Sheriff's Department, overtime would not be reduced by additional staff*". Anytime you add personnel, you decrease the need for overtime.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

No. of pages attached: _____