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August 9, 2006

Cindee Mayfield, Presiding Judge
Mendocino County Superior Court
100 North State Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

Honorable Judge Mayfield,

The City of Ukiah is in receipt of the 2005-2006 Grand Jury Report. The following is the City's response to the findings and recommendations relative to the reports titled: "Ukiah Police Department" and "What Methamphetamine is Costing You".

Ukiah Police Department

Findings

1. Concur with findings. A Traffic Officer has been added to staffing.
2. Concur with findings.
3. Concur with findings.
4. Concur with findings.
5. Concur with findings.
6. Concur with findings.
7. Concur with findings.
8. Concur with findings.

Recommendations

1. "The Ukiah City Council provide secured (non-grant) funds to the UPD for additional School Resource Officers. (Findings 2-3)".

Response: The Council agrees with the need to add an additional Resource Officer and, through the efforts of the City's Police Department, plans to explore funding opportunities over the next 3 to 5 years. The Department is actively working with the Ukiah Unified School District on this issue, and exploring funding opportunities from the School District, available grants and City of Ukiah general funds.

What Methamphetamine Is Costing You

Findings

1. Concur with findings.
2. Concur with findings.

Findings - continued

3. Concur with findings. The Ukiah Police Department felt that the Public Health Department would be the better lead agency in this effort; we will lend our assistance.
4. Concur with findings.
5. Concur with findings.
6. Concur with findings.
7. Concur with findings.
8. Concur with findings.
9. Concur with findings.
10. Concur with findings.
11. Concur with findings.
12. Concur with findings.

13. The City Council for the City of Ukiah disagrees with this finding citing information from the National Drug Intelligence Center California Northern and Eastern Districts Drug Threat Assessment (January 2001) which states that over the last decade the manufacture and distribution of Methamphetamine has primarily been taken over by Mexican Criminal Groups (Mexican Mafia and others) in the Western United States. Reference is made to the Ukiah Police Department response to Grand Jury Report (attached).

14. Concur with findings.
15. Concur with findings.
16. Concur with findings.
17. Concur with findings.
18. Concur with findings.
19. Concur with findings.

Recommendations

- 1-5 & 7-10 The City Council for the City of Ukiah agrees with these recommendations noting that cooperation between local governments is essential to combat the negative effects of Methamphetamine in Mendocino County and commits to its continued support of ongoing efforts in this regard. The Ukiah Police Department felt that the Public Health Department would be the better lead agency in this effort; we will lend our assistance. Please refer to response provided by the Ukiah Police Department (attached).

- 6 The City Council for the City of Ukiah cannot agree nor disagree with this finding as it is directed to the Office of the District Attorney.

Sincerely,



Mark Ashiku, Mayor
City of Ukiah

cc: Benj Thomas, Foreman
Mendocino County Grand Jury