

September 13, 2001

William L. Cathey, Foreperson
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY GRAND JURY
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93121

RE: 2000-2001 Grand Jury Report on Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County

Dear Foreperson Cathey:

Thank you for the positive comments and commendation regarding the Guadalupe Police Department's ability to provide community protection services. The City of Guadalupe provides the following responses regarding Grand Jury findings and recommendations relative to the above-referenced report:

Finding 28a: *As this is no longer a detention facility, it may not be subject to mandatory Grand Jury inspection in the future.*

1. The City of Guadalupe agrees with the above-stated finding.

Finding 28b: *Keeping the station open on the weekends, when most of the residents return from work outside the community, and when town tourism is at its height, is appropriate.*

1. The City of Guadalupe disagrees with the above-stated finding.

Recommendation #28: *The Guadalupe Police Department should consider maintaining a weekend presence in the community.*

1. The Guadalupe Police Department presently maintains 24-hour patrol, 7-days per week, with a minimum of two Police Officers every shift on weekends, and when the business office is closed. The Guadalupe Police Department responds to all community weekday and weekend policing problems, along with special event activities within the City. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department deputies are dispatched by the County's Central Dispatch at the request of the Guadalupe Police Department only when back up officers are

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requested. The Guadalupe Police Department does not keep the business office open on weekends and after regular business hours because it is beyond the budgetary capabilities of the City.

Per your request, enclosed please find a 3 ½" computer diskette with this response letter saved in Microsoft Word format for your information and records.

Should you have any questions and/or require any additional information, please feel welcome to contact me at Extension 103. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Usher
City Administrator

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Enclosure: 3 ½" computer diskette (Grand Jury Foreperson only)

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