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The Honorable Judge Rodney Melville
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Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
Attention: Foreperson
1100 Anacapa Street
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Honorable Judge Melville & Grand Jury Foreperson:

The 2006-2007 Santa Barbara Grand Jury releases a document entitled: "Detention Facilities Inspections," which names the City of Santa Barbara Police Department as a named facility. As such, the City is required to respond to the findings and recommendations in the report. This response follows:

Finding 1: *In all inspections of detention facilities throughout Santa Barbara County, none were found to be sub-standard with respect to regulations.*

Response to Finding 1: The Santa Barbara Police Department agrees with this finding.

Finding 2: *Inspections revealed no major flaws or shortfalls in staff performance.*

Response to Finding 2: The Santa Barbara Police Department agrees with this finding.

Finding 3: *Staff have used initiative and ingenuity to achieve positive results during periods of reduced resources.*

Response to Finding 3: The Santa Barbara Police Department agrees with this finding as it pertains to the department.

Finding 4: *The Sheriff's Department currently has to move detainees for arraignment to Santa Maria, Lompoc and Santa Barbara Superior Court locations on a daily basis.*

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Response to Finding 4: This finding does not pertain to the Santa Barbara Police Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1: *Supervisory staff should continue to encourage personnel to use initiative to have a positive impact on the work environment.*

Response to Recommendation 1: The Santa Barbara Police Department will continue to implement this recommendation.

Recommendation 2: *The Sheriff should pursue a course of action aimed at implementing video arraignment procedures in the jail system.*

Response to Recommendation 2: This recommendation does not pertain to the Santa Barbara Police Department facility.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Grand Jury for their conscientious effort in providing inspection and analysis of the detention facilities.

Sincerely,



Mayor Blum
Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara