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2014-2015 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
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Santa Barbara County Courthouse
1100 Anacapa Street
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BY: ME

RE: Updated response to Recommendation 2, concerning the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "*Detention Facilities Report*"

Dear Ms. Miller:

As stated in the second paragraph to our **Response to Recommendation 2**, concerning the 2014-2015 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "*Detention Facilities Report*", further analysis was required. As a result, below you will find an **Updated Response to Recommendation 2**.

Recommendation 2: *That the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office evaluate the need for the requested operational equipment.*

Response to Recommendation 2: **The recommendation has been implemented.**

The office furniture has been purchased and placed into service. Transportation vans are already in place and available to the Santa Maria Branch Jail via the Sheriff's Transportation Unit. These vans are assigned to North County and are located at the Santa Maria Sheriff's Station.

The requests for the utility van, pepper ball launcher, gas masks and protective gear requests are currently under review. When the Santa Maria Branch Jail was closed on June 27, 2011, the utility van was reallocated within the agency. The proposal to return this vehicle to the Santa Maria Branch Jail is being considered. The Sheriff's Office is also analyzing the need for a pepper ball launcher and related protective equipment based on the current inmate population and operational need. The analysis and resulting decisions will be completed by June 30, 2015.

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Updated Response to Recommendation 2: On April 13, 2015, the Sheriff's Office made the decision to no longer operate the Santa Maria Branch Jail as a Type II facility. This entailed rehousing all of the inmates back to the Santa Barbara Main Jail. We are now operating the Santa Maria Branch Jail as a 24/7 booking station only, which is classified as a Type I Facility per Title 15. Therefore, there is no longer an operational need for the equipment items listed as outstanding for decision.

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 681-4290.

Sincerely,



LAZ SALINAS, CHIEF DEPUTY
Custody Operations

For

BILL BROWN
Sheriff - Coroner