

The 2015-2016 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY JAIL

Intake Screening Process

The 2015-2016 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury (Jury) reviewed the inmate intake procedures of the Santa Barbara County Main Jail to ensure that the facility is operating within the scope of California Code of Regulations Title 15 and the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO) Custody Operations Policy and Procedures Manual. This report outlines the operations, procedures, and observations of the intake screening process and includes findings and recommendations made by the Jury.

The Jury found the intake procedure of the SBSO and Corizon Health (Corizon) was inconsistent in following established protocols, policies, and procedures. The medical intake process is cumbersome as the inmate medical records are not computerized. SBSO staff lacks adequate oversight and accountability of Corizon contracted medical staff. In at least one instance, established medical intake protocols were not followed. According to SBSO staff, they are aware of problems with the intake screening process and are already taking steps to reorganize the intake process to correct the problems identified.

The Jury has written a report on its investigation in which it lists six findings and recommendations directed to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff.

The complete report titled "Santa Barbara County Jail, Intake Screening Process" may be found on the Grand Jury's website at www.sbcgj.org.

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