

Memorandum



Date: April 12, 2012

To: The Honorable Brian Hill
Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California
County of Santa Barbara

Ted Sten, Foreperson
2011-2012 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury

From: 
Beverly A. Taylor, Chief Probation Officer

Subject: Response to 2011-2012 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury
Report entitled "Online College Education Now Available at Juvenile
Justice Center" Finding #1.

CC: The Honorable Arthur A. Garcia, Assistant Presiding and Presiding
Juvenile Court Judge
Chandra L. Wallar, Santa Barbara County Executive Officer
Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission
Probation Department Administrative Staff

Please find enclosed the Probation Department's response to the 2011-2012 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "Online College Education Now Available at Juvenile Justice Center" Finding #1, dated March 15, 2012.

Enclosures: Response

Attachment A – Letter dated November 8, 2011
Attachment B – Letter dated November 21, 2011
Computer Disk (Foreperson Sten only)

SUSAN J. GIONFRIDDO JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
Santa Maria Juvenile Hall

Finding 1: *The Jury was informed on September 13, 2011 by an official, that online college courses were available at the Susan J. Gionfriddo Juvenile Justice Center. In fact, they were not.*

Response: The Probation Department agrees with this finding. The Grand Jury conducted their inspection at the Santa Barbara Receiving and Transportation Center, Juvenile Facility on September 13, 2011. It is accurate that on that date the online college courses were not yet available at the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH). In interviewing the two staff present for that inspection, although both do not specifically recall a question about online courses, they assured that it would not have been their intention to provide inaccurate information.

The attached letters dated November 8, 2011, (Attachment A), and November 21, 2011, (Attachment B), provide a timeline and document the steps taken by the staff at the SMJH to implement online college courses. To date there has been one detainee who has enrolled in an online college course.

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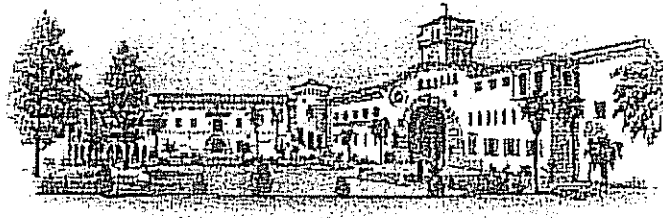
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November 8, 2011

Ted Sten, Foreman
Civil Grand Jury
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Foreman Sten,

This is a follow up to the phone call between Deputy Chief Steve DeLira and Grand Jury member George Baker on November 1st regarding the feasibility of detainees at Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) attending online college courses. The SMJH Administration has assessed and implemented the following:

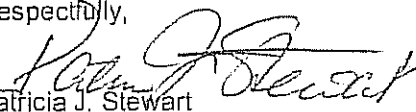
- SMJH has purchased two refurbished MacBooks. Purchasing Refurbished MacBooks with the warrantee saved \$450.00.
- Chuck Smith, computer consultant, is currently working with Brian Harrell of Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) to determine if SMJH can use SBCEOs wireless system. If this is not an option, SMJH will purchase wireless access (i.e. wireless card).
- SMJH has assessed and concluded that the printers at SMJH are sufficient to handle any printing needs for the college students. As a result, SMJH does not need to purchase a printer and ink cartridges.
- Two headphones have been purchased for use by the college students.
- Licenses have been purchased for Net Nanny to be installed on the two laptops, to ensure the students access only information necessary and relevant to the online course work.

Access to online college courses at SMJH is expected to be available for detainees effective November 15, 2011. The next semester for online classes at Allan Hancock College and Santa Barbara City College begins January 23, 2012. The SMJH is scheduled to complete this project prior to open enrollment at local Community Colleges which begins December 4, 2011.

Plans for the Construction Technology Program to be updated and resume at Los Prietos Boys Camp/Academy remain in standby status. Effective July 2011, funding for County General Services, Reprographics Unit was eliminated. Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC) is currently implementing a project charter to develop a program to use the space and equipment formerly utilized by the Reprographics Unit, for the running of a traditional printing training program for youth from LPBC and adults from the Probation Report and Resource Center (PRRC). Valuable vocational skills will be provided with plans to expand projects and training to offset Probation and other Santa Barbara County Departments' basic printing needs. A copy of the referenced project charter was sent to the Grand Jury on October 28th. The Construction Technology program will be reassessed for implementation after the Probation Printing Program is implemented and preliminary outcomes are assessed.

Thank you again for your interest and insights. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Respectfully,


Patricia J. Stewart
Chief Probation Officer

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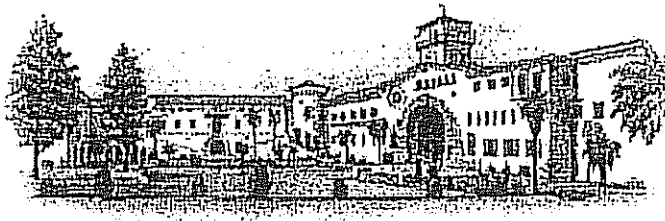
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November 21, 2011

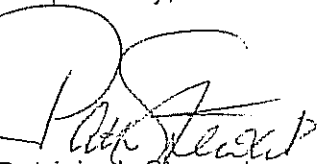
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Dear Foreman Sten,

As a follow up to the inquiry by Grand Juror George Bajor regarding access to online college courses at SMJH, this is to confirm that as of November 18th the necessary equipment has been installed. The upcoming enrollment period for the next semester at Allan Hancock College and Santa Barbara City College begins December 4th, with classes commencing on January 23, 2012.

Thank you again for you interest and insights. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Respectfully,


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