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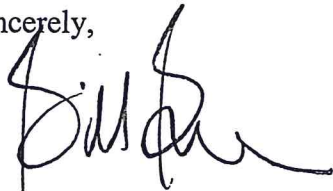
RE: Response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "*Detention Facilities Report*"

Dear Ms. Miller:

Enclosed please find the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office response to the 2014-2015 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "*Detention Facilities Report*."

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

Sincerely,



BILL BROWN
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Enclosure

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RESPONSE TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
GRAND JURY 2014-2015 REPORT
"Detention Facilities Report"

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office Budget Process

Finding 1: The Sheriff's detention facility heads were not consulted during the budget preparation process.

Response to Finding 1: The Sheriff's Office disagrees with this finding.

The Sheriff's Office Chief Financial Officer (CFO) did have less "input" from jail managers, and all managers during the last five years, due to the simple fact that because of huge revenue shortfalls there were no plans to increase the budget. To the contrary, the Sheriff's budget and staffing were slashed during that time. Nevertheless, the statement that the "Sheriff Detention facility heads were not consulted" is inaccurate.

The report mentions that the Sheriff's Office changed its budget development process beginning in 2008. It was 2008 that the recession hit. The Sheriff's budget was under great strain from 2008 through 2014, meaning that there were no funds to increase services, supplies and/or personnel. All cost-center managers were asked to inform the CFO of known increases that were required to be funded, such as increases in professional services contracts, e.g. the Corizon contract for jail medical and mental health services. Any other budget expansion requests were discouraged, and all other line item amounts remained the same.

Recommendation 1: *That the Sheriff's detention facility heads be consulted during the annual budget preparation process.*

Response to Recommendation 1: The recommendation has been implemented.

For Fiscal Year 2015-16, as was noted in the Grand Jury Report on page #2, Custody Command and Management Staff were directly involved in providing and prioritizing requests related to the preparation of the budget.

Santa Maria Sheriff's Branch Jail

Finding 2: *The Santa Maria Sheriff's Branch Jail is in need of operational equipment.*

Response to Finding 2: The Sheriff's Office partially agrees with the finding.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office has conducted an evaluation of the requested operational equipment for the Santa Maria Branch Jail and has purchased equipment deemed necessary.

While the Sheriff's Office strives to maintain the safety and security of our facilities within the limits imposed by fiscal reality, we have provided the Santa Maria Branch Jail with all necessary equipment. We do so by purchasing appropriate equipment, sharing equipment with other entities within the Sheriff's Office, and utilizing existing equipment not currently in use.

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.

Lompoc Sheriff's Court Holding Facility

Finding 3: *Inmates of the City of Lompoc Jail are left unattended when the jailor escorts other inmates across the parking lot to the court holding facility.*

Response to Finding 3: **The Sheriff's Office disagrees with this finding.**

The Sheriff's Office is committed to operating safe and secure custodial facilities. However, the Sheriff's Office cannot dictate the Lompoc Police Department's policies, in this case the escorting of prisoners.

Recommendation 3: *That a Sheriff's Custody Officer from the Court Holding Facility escort the inmates from the City of Lompoc Jail to the Court Holding Facility.*

Response to Recommendation 3: **The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted.**

Based on the Sheriff's Transportation Unit's required staffing levels to maintain adequate safety and security at the Lompoc Court Holding Facility (CHF), the Sheriff's Office is unable to leave the CHF to assist Lompoc Police personnel in the escorting of their prisoners. Additionally, the CHF is not open all day every day of the week.