

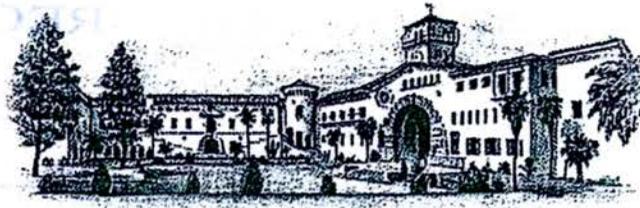
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

April 1, 2014

Honorable Arthur A. Garcia
Presiding Judge
Santa Barbara Superior Court
312-C East Cook Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Reference: Response to Santa Barbara Civil Grand Jury report titled, *Inmates Released during Late-Night Hours* (Published February 4, 2014 on the Grand Jury Web Site)

Judge Garcia:

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (Board) is providing response to the above referenced Civil Grand Jury Report. The Board of Supervisors appreciates the Grand Jury's interest in the safety of inmates released during late-night hours. The consideration of various options and identification of a solution to a similar circumstance in Orange County, California was particularly valuable.

As directed by the Grand Jury, all responses are provided in accordance with Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code.

Finding 3:

Orange County, California has a faith-based program named "Lights On," that offers newly released inmate coffee, snacks, bus schedules, Alcoholics Anonymous fliers, and free use of a cell phone.

The Board agrees with the finding.

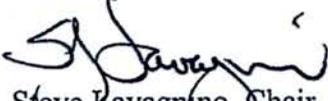
Recommendation 2:

That Santa Barbara County encourages the establishment of a community-based program similar to "Lights On" in Orange County, California.

This recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

Recognizing that California state law provides that the Sheriff sets policies concerning the release of jail inmates and has the exclusive authority to keep the county jail and prisoners of the jail, the Board of Supervisors encourages the Sheriff's Office to continue working on an agreement with organizations in Santa Barbara to provide services comparable to the Orange County, California "Lights On" program. Given the Sheriff's authorities, the Board supports the Sheriff's Office efforts to have a finalized approved agreement and a program implementation by July 1, 2014.

Sincerely,



Steve Lavagnino, Chair
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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