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2021-2022 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
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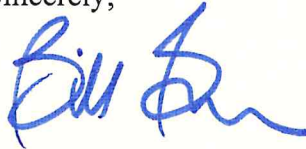
RE: Response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report Entitled
"Lompoc Police Department Moving Toward a Safe and Proud
Community".

Dear Foreperson Olsen:

Enclosed please find the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office response to
the 2021-2022 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "Lompoc
Police Department Moving Toward a Safe and Proud Community".

As requested in the report, the Sheriff's Office is responding to findings and
recommendations 1 and 2. Should you have any questions, please feel free
to contact me at 681-4290.

Sincerely,



BILL BROWN
Sheriff-Coroner

Enclosure: SBSO response

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office
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"Lompoc Police Department Moving Toward a Safe and Proud Community."

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 1

The Lompoc Police Department needs a Co-Response team dedicated to its geographical area.

SBSO Response: Agree

Recommendation 1

That the Lompoc City Council negotiate with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Wellness to add a Co-Response team dedicated to the Lompoc Valley.

SBSO Response: The Sheriff's Office is willing to negotiate with the City of Lompoc for an expansion of these services.

Finding 2

The Lompoc Police Department is short-staffed and has been for a number of years, causing gaps in service.

SBSO Response: Agree

Recommendation 2

That the Lompoc City Council explore the option of contracting with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office for targeted support while the Lompoc Police Department returns to full strength.

SBSO Response: The Sheriff's office north county co-response team assists the city of Lompoc when available and when requested through mutual aid. If Lompoc had their own designated team (through their department or contract with the Sheriff's Office) more resources could be dedicated to the geographical region which would improve response time, diversion efforts and services to the community.