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2023-2024 Santa Barbara Civil Grand Jury
Grand Jury Chambers
Santa Barbara County Courthouse
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Re: Response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report Entitled "*Individuals in Crisis: The Right Care at the Right Time*"

Dear Foreperson Kunkel,

Enclosed is the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office's modified response to the updated 2023 – 2024 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "*Individuals in Crisis: The Right Care at the Right Time.*"

As requested in the report, the Sheriff's Office responds to Findings 1 and Recommendations 1a and 1b.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (805) 681-4290.

Sincerely,



BILL BROWN
Sheriff-Coroner

Enclosure

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office's modified response to the updated 2023 – 2024 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "*Individuals in Crisis: The Right Care at the Right Time.*"

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office
Response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury 2023-2024 Report
"Individuals in Crisis: The Right Care at the Right Time"

Findings and Recommendations

Santa Barbara County Sheriff: 60 Days

Finding(s): 1

Recommendation(s): 1

FINDING 1

The Jury finds that increased implementation of the 5150 holds by trained law enforcement officers and more Behavioral Wellness clinicians would benefit all citizens of Santa Barbara County.

Sheriff's Office Response:

Agree

Recommendation 1a

The Jury recommends that all County and City law enforcement officers who are trained in crisis intervention, in accordance with State guidelines, be encouraged to fully exercise the issuance of 5150 holds in appropriate circumstances.

Sheriff's Office Response:

Agree

The Sheriff's Office agrees with this recommendation with the understanding that appropriate circumstances primarily includes those instances where the Mental Health Co-Response Team and/or Mobile Crisis Team is either not available or cannot respond in a timely manner.