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GARY L. SIMPSON
Sheriff - Coroner

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July 22, 2002

Judge Scott Snowden
Presiding Judge
Napa Superior Court
1111 Third Street
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Judge Snowden:

In conformance with Penal Code Section 933 (c), I am responding to the 2001-2002 Grand Jury final report.

Response from the Napa Sheriff's Department was requested to finding #3 in the Napa Valley Unified School District report on the Carneros Elementary School.

Finding #3 Student drop off areas are dangerous. One principal stated that drop-offs and pick-ups were the scariest parts of the day. These areas are too small and not configured for modern traffic.

Response #3 In my visits to the Carneros Elementary School, it appeared the parking lot was not adequate for the number of vehicles. Many people are forced to park along Los Carneros Ave. due to the limited parking.

Recommendation#3 The drop off areas must be reconfigured and enlarged. The schools have more than adequate acreage to accomplish this.

Response #3 The Sheriff's Department has no involvement in the size or configuration of school parking lots. Jurisdiction regarding traffic issues in the unincorporated areas of the county are the responsibility of the California Highway Patrol. I have communicated the Grand Jury's concerns to that agency.

While traffic enforcement is not the sheriff's departments primary mission, we will assist the highway patrol in any way possible regarding this problem.

I recommend Carneros School staff consult with the highway patrol regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. Simpson".

Gary L. Simpson
Sheriff-Coroner

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CC: Nancy Watt

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