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By: [Signature] Deputy July 2, 2008

William E. Trautman, Foreperson
Napa County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 5397
Napa, CA 94581-0397

Dear Mr. Trautman:

The following is the response requested from the Sheriff to the recommendations made by the Grand Jury in their most recent report concerning the Napa County Department of Corrections.

Recommendation 1: The Criminal Justice Committee address and identify in the Adult Correctional System Master Plan the proper official or agency to provide the leadership necessary to carry out the plan's recommendations.

Although a member of the committee, the Sheriff does not have the authority to implement this. I concur with the response submitted by the Criminal Justice Committee. Please refer to that document. However, I continue to believe that the operations of the corrections department would best be managed by the Sheriff's Department and the rehabilitative aspects overseen by the Probation Department in a collaborative effort.

Recommendation 2: The Criminal Justice Committee develop a proposed job description for the Director of the Department of Corrections that acknowledges the broad responsibility such a person will have for the jail and for community-based corrections efforts in cooperation with other agencies.

Again I concur with the response submitted by the Criminal Justice Committee and I do not have the authority to implement this recommendation. Please refer to that document.

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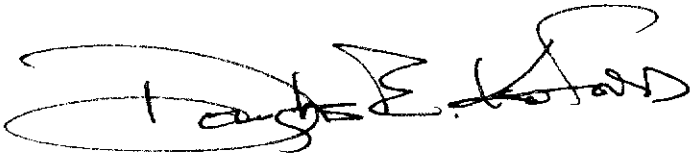
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Recommendation 3: The selection of a new Director of the Department of Corrections be deferred until such time as the decision is made regarding the job description for this position, taking into account the new responsibilities described in the Adult Correctional System Master Plan.

I strongly believe that deferring the new directors' selection would be detrimental to the operation of the jail; however it is not within my authority to make that selection or dictate its process. I concur with the response of the Criminal Justice Committee.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas E. Koford". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "D" and "K".

Douglas E. Koford
Sherriff-Coroner