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The Honorable Diane Price
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of the State of California
County of Napa
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

August 9, 2012

Judge Price:

In conformance with Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code, I am responding to the 2011-2012 Napa County Grand Jury Final Report.

Response was requested from the Napa County Sheriff's Office to Recommendation R4 of the section covering the "Shooting in Alta Heights" in the 2011-2012 Napa County Grand Jury Report.

Recommendation R4

Within 180 days the law enforcement departments in Napa County and Mental Health Department establish more effective coordination in situations of crisis intervention by (1) engaging in joint training exercises, and by (2) maintaining instantaneous communication and patching capability.

Response to Recommendation R4

The recommendation has been implemented. Since 2006, the Napa County Sheriff's Office has coordinated with Napa County Mental Health per a signed Napa County Interagency Emergency Crisis Response Protocol. The Protocol outlines the coordinated response to individuals who experience a crisis and to make sure the public receives appropriate services and all involved individuals remain safe.

Since February 2011, representatives from Napa County Sheriff's Office, Napa Police Department and Napa County Mental Health have scheduled a weekly meeting to evaluate and review law enforcement activity in an effort to coordinate responses to individuals in crisis, schedule interventions, and discuss training opportunities.

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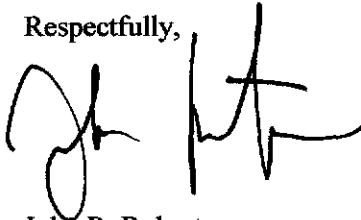
Representatives from the Napa County Sheriff's Office, Napa Police Department and Napa County Mental Health have participated in Welfare and Institutions Code 5150 training. Representatives from the Napa Sheriff's Office, Napa Police Department and Napa County Mental Health participated as auditors in the 2011 Sonoma County's Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

Mental health intervention training for law enforcement is currently being developed and is pending approval by the California Peace Officers Standard Training (POST). If approved, the training will be available by the winter of 2012.

The Napa County Sheriff's Office is able to communicate and request assistance when needed with Napa County Mental Health by emergency contact numbers 24 hours a day; 7 days a week. The deputies can communicate directly, or request Central Dispatch to make contact.

The Napa County Sheriff's Office is committed to working with County Mental Health, Law Enforcement agencies, and hospitals during crisis intervention and critical calls. We will continue to work with all the agencies to communicate, train, and coordinate our collaborative response to calls requiring crisis intervention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John R. Robertson', written in a cursive style.

John R. Robertson
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Napa County Board of Supervisors
Nancy Watt, Napa County CEO