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**NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU
RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: C. Brennan
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Grand Jury Findings

Finding 1: The Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) was formally established on March 01, 1976, through a state grant funded by the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP).

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The respondent agrees with this finding.

Finding 2: In 1988, the NSIB Governing Board entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (CA DOJ/BNE).

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

Finding 3: NSIB is one of thirty-three other county narcotic task forces participating in the BNE Statewide Regional Task Force program.

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board disagrees in part with this finding. The number of countywide narcotic task forces participating in the (BNE) Statewide Regional Task Force program has grown to thirty-nine (39). In addition, fifteen other task forces, totaling fifty-four (54), participate in the BNE Statewide Regional Task Force program.

Finding 4: NSIB's primary focus is to conduct criminal investigations and enforcement activities aimed at combating illegal manufacturing, trafficking, and use of illegal controlled substances throughout Napa County.

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

Finding 5: NSIB personnel are assigned by their participating parent agencies with input from the NSIB commander.

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

Finding 6: Calistoga Police Department (CPD) and Saint Helena Police Department (SHPD) contribute funding in lieu of personnel.

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

Finding 7: In 2009, methamphetamine and marijuana were the most significant and predominant illegal drugs in Napa County.

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

Finding 8: While NSIB directs its efforts and assets towards all levels of illegal drug trafficking in the County, an emphasis has been placed on methamphetamine because the drug is so prolific and dangerous.

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

Finding 9: In most instances, Napa County methamphetamine dealers obtain their drugs from sources in surrounding counties and the Central Valley.

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

Finding 10: In FY 2008-2009, NSIB seized approximately 90,000 marijuana plants with a street value in excess of \$266 million.

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

Finding 11: Ninety percent of large-scale (marijuana) growing operations in Napa County involving arrests are operated by Mexican nationals suspected of being members of Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations (MDTOs).

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

Finding 12: Much of the marijuana grown in Napa County is exported to other states including Illinois, New York, Ohio and Texas.

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

Finding 13: Methamphetamine is considered the single most dangerous health and safety threat to Napa County and continues to dominate NSIB resources and investigative time.

Response, Napa Special Investigations Bureau Governing Board: The NSIB Governing Board agrees with this finding.

