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The Honorable Rodney Stone
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Napa
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: C. Brennan
Deputy

Dear Judge Stone:

As required by Penal Code Section 933(c), enclosed is the response to the 2013-2014 Final Reports on the Napa County Juvenile Hall Annual Review. Grand Jury activity takes place over the course of a number of months. As such, their findings and recommendations often address issues which county departments have already identified as problems and to which solutions are in the process of being developed.

The Board acknowledges the members of the 2013-2014 Grand Jury for the time they have devoted in preparing their report.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mark Luce in black ink.

Mark Luce, Chairman
Napa County Board of Supervisors

Enclosure

cc: Foreman, 2013-2014 Grand Jury

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NAPA COUNTY
RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT ON
THE NAPA COUNTY JUVENILE HALL ANNUAL REVIEW
FEBRUARY 2014

The Grand Jury requested responses from the Napa County Juvenile Hall Director. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 852, the management and control of the Juvenile Hall is the responsibility of the Chief Probation Officer. Therefore, responses to the findings and recommendations are from the Chief Probation Officer.

Finding 1. NCJH provides a safe, secure, and well-maintained environment for delinquent juveniles.

Chief Probation Officer Response: The Chief Probation Officer agrees with this finding.

Finding 2. NCJH administration and staff demonstrate a high level of professionalism.

Chief Probation Officer Response: The Chief Probation Officer agrees with this finding.

Finding 3. NCJH counselors and supervisors do not wear uniforms or monogrammed clothing that makes them readily identifiable as staff.

Chief Probation Officer Response: The Chief Probation Officer partially agrees with this finding. Staff is allowed to wear Probation logo shirts but is not required to do so. Because uniforms can change the environment and gives the appearance of guards as opposed to counselors, the Department is not in support of uniforms. As stated above in Finding 1, the Department provides a safe environment for the youth and part of that environment is based on the Department philosophy of rehabilitation of youth rather than just incarceration.

Finding 4. The video/camera system at NCJH is outdated and insufficient for surveillance of juveniles in the perimeters of the year, and some blind spots in the facility.

Chief Probation Officer Response: The Chief Probation Officer agrees with this finding.

Recommendation No. 1: The Grand Jury recommends that by the end of FY 2014-2015, all on-duty NCJH employees should wear clothing that clearly identifies them as staff.

Chief Probation Officer Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not reasonable. Budget constraints preclude the County from making such a proposal. This would be a meet and confer issue with the union if the County determined uniforms were appropriate.

Recommendation No. 2: The Grand Jury recommends that by the end of FY 2014-2015, video equipment should be updated to current state-of-the-art standards, and cameras added to the system to ensure that there are no blind spots within the facility or along the perimeter of the yard.

Chief Probation Officer Response: The recommendation will be implemented. Staff has been working with Public Works to upgrade the video system. Cameras requiring replacement will be replaced by the end of FY 2014-2015. Cameras will be installed to cover blind spots within the facility and along the perimeter of the yard within the next year.