



COUNTY OF SOLANO

Probation Department

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SUPERIOR COURT, DEPT. 16

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To: The Honorable Scott Kays, Presiding Judge of the Solano County Superior Court

From: Gemma Grossi, Chief Probation Officer

Date: August 25, 2003

Re: Response to Solano County 2002-2003 Grand Jury Report (Juvenile Hall Inspection)

Finding #1 – The Solano County Juvenile Hall is in good condition.
The Probation Department agrees with this finding.

Recommendation #1 – None

Finding #2 – Transporting juveniles to Juvenile Court is a critical issue.

Response- The Probation Department and Juvenile Hall disagree with the finding.

Recommendation #2 – Hold court at the Juvenile Hall facility. If this is not feasible, the Sheriff's Office be responsible for transportation until the new facility is completed.

Response -The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted.

Although the Administration of the Probation Department agrees that the transport of juveniles to Court hearings poses significant challenges, the Juvenile Hall has policies implemented that when followed provide for the safe and secure transport of residents. The funding for the construction of the new Juvenile Hall specifically instructed that it could not be utilized for court facilities. The County is providing a percentage of the funding for the new facility, however if some of that funding was diverted for the construction of a juvenile court facility, there would be inadequate funding for the detention facility. Additionally, when the new Juvenile Detention Facility is operational, there is a secure sally-port to facilitate a more secure transport environment. The Probation Department acknowledges that some Juvenile Hall residents pose a greater threat to the community due to the nature of their offense or other factors in their history. When these situations arise, the Probation Department requests that the Court order the Sheriff's Department to transport the resident, if the Court agrees with the request and makes such an order the Sheriff's Department has always cooperated and facilitated the transport. The majority of residents do not require the level of security provided by the Sheriff's Department transportation unit.

Cc: The Honorable David Power, Presiding Judge of the Solano County Juvenile Court
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