

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge of Solano County
Response to 2006-2007 Solano County Grand Jury
JUVENILE DETENTION AND NEW FOUNDATIONS
FACILITIES

Finding/Recommendation 1: I have no comment on this finding and its recommendation.

Finding/Recommendation 2: Prior to detaining a minor at the Juvenile Detention Facility, the court must consider and make a number of findings:

- Whether continuance in the home of the parent or guardian is contrary to the minor's welfare
- Whether the Probation Officer has made reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the minor from his or her home
- Whether the District Attorney has made a prima facie showing that the minor is a person described by Welfare and Institutions Code section 602
- What is the specific reason(s) the minor is being detained:
 - The minor has violated a Juvenile Court Order
 - The minor has escaped from a Juvenile Court Commitment
 - The minor is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court
 - It is a matter of immediate and urgent necessity for protection of the minor to detain him or her
 - It is reasonably necessary for the protection of the person or property of others to detain the minor

The judicial determination for detention is made regardless of the population of the Juvenile Detention Facility.

The court often gives the Probation Officer the discretion to release a specific minor directly to the parents or on a program of home supervision or electronic monitoring. On some occasions, the ability of the parents to provide an effective level of supervision for the minor can be increased by brief counseling or monitoring by the Probation Officer.

The Juvenile Court and Probation Department utilize a procedure that significantly expedites the signing of transfer orders when a minor is to be transferred to another institution. This expedited procedure reduces both the duration of a minor's stay in the Juvenile Detention Facility waiting for the transfer to occur and the population of the facility.

Finding/Recommendation 3: I have no comment on this finding or its recommendation.