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Honorable E. Bradley Nelson
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Solano
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

**Re: Sheriff's Response to 2014-2015 Solano County Grand Jury Report – Solano County Jails;
Claybank Detention Facility; Justice Center Detention Facility; Technology in Action**

Judge Nelson:

Under Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, I am responding to the following findings and recommendations contained in the 2014-2015 Grand Jury Report that pertain to matters under my control as the Solano County Sheriff-Coroner:

Finding 1 – *The Justice Center and Claybank facilities have improved their efficiency and safety using updated technology with Personal Digital Assistants (PDA).*

Response to Finding 1 – I agree with the finding of the Grand Jury with regard to improved efficiency and safety using updated technology; however, Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's) are in service at the Claybank and Stanton Facilities --- and not at the Justice Center Facility.

Recommendation 1 – *Continue to update technology.*

Response to Recommendation 1 – The recommendation has been implemented and the Solano County Sheriff's Office will continue to update technology as products become available and the budget permits.

Finding 2 – *Assaults among inmates and inmates against correctional officers continue to be of great concern.*

Response to Finding 2 – I agree with the finding of the Grand Jury; assaults occurring within Solano County jail, whether perpetrated against staff or between inmates, will always be a great concern.

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Recommendation 2 – *Develop a tracking system to determine the extent technology improvements may aid in reducing assaults.*

Response to Recommendation 2 – The recommendation has been implemented, and, to the extent possible, efforts will be made to track those technology improvements that aid in reducing assaults.

I would like to thank the Solano County Grand Jury for their time invested in this matter and for their report of findings and recommendations. As always, the recommendations and comments of the Solano County Grand Jury are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



Thomas A. Ferrara
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Solano County Grand Jury
County Administrator's Office