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Gary R. Stanton
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April 1, 2010

Honorable D. Scott Daniels
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Re: Sheriff's Response to FY2009/2010 Solano County Grand Jury Report titled
"California Medical Facility"

Finding 1 – Budget cuts to staff and education are detrimental to helping an inmate prepare for re-entry into society.

Response to Finding 1 – This matter is not under the control of the Sheriff.

Recommendation 1 – CDCR should restore those funds that were removed from the educational programs. All programs should continue to be taught by qualified professionals and supported by inmate tutors. The inmate tutors' acquired skills could be used for future employment upon release.

Response to Recommendation 1 – This matter is not under the control of the Sheriff.

Finding 2 – Due to budget cuts, the Occupational Therapy Unit (OTU) is being cut back. When the patient inmate supplies his own materials, he can sell his work. By selling his work, the patient inmate is able to generate State sales tax, contribute to his restitution fund to pay back victims, and deposit money into his prison account. The selling aspect of the program was terminated four years ago because the inmates were using state funded materials for inmate profit.

Response to finding 2 - This matter is not under the control of the Sheriff.

Recommendation 2 – In light of the therapeutic benefits for the inmate, every effort should be made to preserve the OTU program. Previously inmate art was sold to the public at CMF. The reinstatement of the sales program of inmate art could defray the costs of the program (supplies).

Response to Recommendation 2 – This matter is not under the control of the Sheriff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary R. Stanton".

Gary R. Stanton
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Grand Jury
County Administrator's Office

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