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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  
"Solano County Juvenile Hall"

**Finding 1** – There are no courtroom facilities in Juvenile Hall. Juveniles must be transported to the Superior Court for their required court appearances. Providing transportation involves additional expense, safety and security issues to juveniles, counselors, transporting staff and the general public.

**Response to Finding 1** – The Sheriff's Office agrees with the finding.

**Recommendation 1** – The Grand Jury suggests that the County work with the Superior Court to provide a facility at Juvenile Hall that could be used for juvenile hearings.

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

**Finding 2** – There is no procedure in place that allows juveniles to take their G.E.D. exam.

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

**Recommendation 2** – A procedure should be established with the County Office of Education and the Fairfield/Suisun Unified School District for the G.E.D. test to be administered as needed.

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

**Finding 3** – Due to pending budget cuts, Juvenile Hall may lose all mental health staff, leaving no trained mental health specialists to monitor juveniles in crisis.

**Response to Finding 3** – This matter is not under the control of the Sheriff.

**Recommendation 3** – It is imperative to ensure that Mental Health program services are provided. A possible solution to this issue would be the combining of Mental Health program of Juvenile Hall with existing County Mental Health programs within the Department of Health and Social Services.

*Dedicated to Community Service*

**Response to Recommendation 3** – This matter is not under the control of the Sheriff.

**Finding 4** – A large number of juveniles require Special Education. There are only two special education teachers to comply with all Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

**Response to Finding 4** – This matter is not under the control of the Sheriff.

**Recommendation 4** – Due to the number of juveniles with Special Education needs, ie. academic and emotional needs, it would be beneficial to have additional Special Education teachers as many juveniles come into Juvenile Hall with learning disabilities. Additional funding should be provided to acquire additional Special Education teachers.

**Response to Recommendation 4** – This matter is not under the control of the Sheriff.

**Finding 5** – Currently, the wards have to be removed from the facility for dental care. A local dentist has volunteered to come to the facility and provide the appropriate dental care. Complete dental office/equipment was donated to Juvenile Hall by the Solano County Sheriff's Office. The appropriate space is available and the equipment just needs to be installed.

**Response to Finding 5** – This matter is not under the control of the Sheriff.

**Recommendation 5** – The Board of Supervisors should instruct the appropriate county department to install the donated equipment.

**Response to Recommendation 5** – This matter is not under the control of the Sheriff.

Sincerely,



Gary R. Stanton  
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Grand Jury  
County Administrator's Office