



SOLANO COUNTY GRAND JURY
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I. INTRODUCTION

California Penal Code §919 subdivision (b) provides, *The Grand Jury shall inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county.* Pursuant to the statute, the 2013-2014 Grand Jury inspected the Solano County Claybank Adult Detention Center, also known as Claybank Jail.

II. METHODOLOGY

- Interviewed Sheriff's Office personnel
- Toured and inspected the entire facility, with the exception of the Stanton Correctional Facility (SCF), which is currently under construction
- Reviewed:
 - The current Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Report
 - Information from the U.S. Department of Justice - FBI Criminal Justice Information Service Division
 - California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Division 3, Rules and Regulations of Adult Institutions, Programs and Parole
 - Prior Grand Jury reports
 - State of California Public Safety Realignment Act (AB109)
 - Solano County Sheriff's upgraded electronic security system
 - Current monitoring devices for inmates on alternative sentencing programs

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Claybank Jail was opened in 1979 with 203 beds, as a Type III/IV facility. The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) formerly known as the BSCC has defined and certified the Claybank Adult Detention Center as a local detention facility to house sentenced/convicted persons. Some of these inmates are eligible to participate in work furlough programs.

Since 1979, additional bed capacity has been added by double-bunking in the minimum security areas and the female section. Presently, the facility has 379 beds in use.

The electronic surveillance system has been significantly upgraded and the modifications are currently being installed. Its redundancy and override capability has eliminated several "blind spots" that were previously noted in prior Grand Jury reports.

When the \$89 million Stanton Correctional Facility is completed later this year, 365 maximum security beds will be added. This additional facility will give Solano County the capacity to handle the expected influx of inmates from the AB109 realignment.

The Sheriff's staff informed the Grand Jury that inmate violence on staff has sharply increased (284%) since the AB109 implementation in November 2011.

IV. SUMMARY

The 2013-2014 Grand Jury's investigation and inspection found the facility to be clean, debris free, well maintained and organized. It met or exceeded the established requirements to operate a Type III/IV detention facility.

V. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 1 – The upgraded electronic security surveillance system, when implemented, will eliminate the several “blind spots” of the current system installed in 1979.

Recommendation 1 – The Sheriff and his staff continue to proceed with the installation of the new security system.

Finding 2 – Inmate violence on staff has sharply increased (284%) since the AB109 implementation.

Recommendation 2 – Recognize and reduce violent incidents against staff by identifying and implementing strategies that have proven to be effective.

COMMENTS

The Sheriff's Office should be complimented for exhibiting and providing a high level of safety, security, and service to the citizens of Solano County. The Claybank staff was helpful and provided information requested by the Grand Jury and allowed access to all areas of the facility.

REQUIRED RESPONSES

Solano County Sheriff's Office

COURTESY COPIES

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