

## VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Honorable Bruce A. Clark Presiding Judge of the Superior Court Ventura County Hall of Justice 800 So. Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Judge Clark:

I would like to preface my response to the Grand Jury's report by stating that we appreciate their positive comments about the Women's Detention Facility and the programs that are conducted there. We would also like to note that we concur with all of the Grand Jury's "Findings" as they relate to this facility.

R-1 The Sheriff should make the remodel of this facility a priority.

The Sheriff's Detention Services Division has made this project the #1 priority for the '01-'02 Fiscal Year.

R-2 The Sheriff's Department and the management of the facility should develop a realistic timetable for the completion of the remodeling.

This project is well on its way to completion. The General Services Agency has assigned a Project Manager and an Architect has completed the initial plans. Those plans have been submitted to County Building and Safety for approval. Absent some unforeseen circumstances, this project should be completed by mid-year '01-'02 FY.

R-3 The Sheriff's Department should work with the GSA department to obtain the necessary funds from the current budget, via reallocation, for the timely completion of the remodeling.

My department has identified funding sources for the project and the project is moving forward with the assistance of GSA.

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## R-4 The Board of Supervisors should support and approve all efforts to fund the remodeling.

The Board of Supervisors' support for the Sheriff's Department proposed budget would allow us to complete this project in a timely manner.

If additional explanation is needed in regards to the 2000-2001 Grand Jury report, please feel free to contact my office at 654-2381.

Sincerely

**BOB BROOKS** 

Ventura County Sheriff