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June 12, 2002

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

Re: Response to the 2001-2002 Ventura County Grand Jury Report entitled A Review of Real Property Held by Ventura County

Dear Judge Clark:

As required by California Penal Code section 933.05, this letter is a response to the findings and recommendations of the 2001-2002 Ventura County Grand Jury's Report entitled *A Review of Real Property Held by Ventura County*. The following is my response to Recommendation R-3:

Findings and Recommendations:

We have reviewed the May 30, 2002 Grand Jury report and, in concept concur with the recommendation regarding the rental of jail bed space to other counties. In fact, the Sheriff's Department currently holds cooperative agreements with most counties in the state to house their inmates on a case-by-case basis. Also, the State of California and the United States Government contract with our department to house their prisoners in our facilities when we have space available.

We have not, however, committed a block amount of bed space to other agencies through any of our cooperative agreements or contracts. Even though raw numbers give the appearance that we have moderate bed space available, due to the differing classification of inmates making some incompatible for housing, our bed space availability varies day to day. Additionally, with the present County fiscal situation, I may be forced to consolidate and close detention facilities as a cost savings measure. Should this occur, most available bed space will be eliminated.

Nonetheless, we will continue to maximize the bed space usage within our facilities generating as much revenue for the County of Ventura as possible.

Sincerely,

BOB BROOKS Ventura County Sheriff

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May 30, 2002

Sheriff Bob Brooks Ventura County Sheriff County of Ventura

Dear Sheriff Brooks:

Enclosed is a copy of the 2001-2002 Ventura County Grand Jury report entitled "A Review of Real Property Held by Ventura County".

In accordance with California Penal Code section 933.05, this report is being provided to you two working days prior to its public release. Please note that you are not permitted to disclose any contents of the report outside your agency prior to the public release.

The above-cited penal code also requires that you respond to the report's findings and recommendations within 90 days. A summary of these requirements follows:

Findings

State whether you concur, concur in part, or disagree with the Grand Jury's findings. Explain the reasons why you disagree, in whole or in part, with each applicable finding.

Recommendations

State whether each applicable recommendation has already been implemented, will be implemented (with expected date of implementation), will not be implemented (with an explanation of the reason) or requires further study.

Please send your response in duplicate to:

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

The duplicate copy will be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

Very truly yours, Marvin Reeber

Foreman Ventura County 2001-2002 Grand Jury