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

Re: Response to the 2002-2003 Ventura County Grand Jury Report entitled *The Need for Automatic Electronic Defibrillators in 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 2002-2003 Ventura Grand Jury Report entitled *The Need for Automatic Electronic Defibrillators in Ventura County*. The following are my responses:

Recommendations

- R-1 The Ventura County Sheriff's Department will collaborate with the Ventura County Health Care Agency to identify those locations within the Sheriff's Department that may be deemed appropriate for the placement of an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) unit. All AED equipment and maintenance will be provided by the Health Care Agency. Preliminary locations identified are the Pretrial Detention Facility, Todd Road Jail and the East County Patrol Station. If additional AED's are provided a determination will be made to expand the program should training and equipment resources allow.
- Representatives of the Health Care Agency will provide training to selected members of the Sheriff's Department and will ensure appropriate documentation is maintained. Each location will identify appropriate personnel to participate in the program.

The Sheriff's Department will continuously monitor AED training and will encourage employee participation. A re-evaluation of the program will be conducted in a timely manner.

Sincerely

BOB BROOKS

Ventura County Sheriff