

## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Final Report Detention Facilities Inspections

Report Date: May 24, 2016

Responding Agency/Department: Ventura County Probation Agency

Response Prepared By: Melinda Cross Title: Division Manager

### FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered:
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: FI-04  
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-05 have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.  
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 9/13/14

Signed: Linda Parks



Linda Parks – Chair, Board of Supervisors

Number of pages attached: 1

ATTEST: MICHAEL POWERS  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura, State of California

By: Lawrence  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

# 2015-2016 Grand Jury Responses

## **FINDINGS**

**FI-04.** *The VCPAJF padded safety room has areas not visible from the window in the door. This poses a safety risk to youths who may do harm to themselves. (FA-41)*

**Response:** We partially agree. There are three safety cells at the Juvenile Facilities. One of the cells has full view of the entire room from the window in the door. The other two cells do have areas which are not fully visible from the window of the door.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**R-05.** *The Grand Jury recommends that the Ventura County Probation Agency improve the observation of the entire "safety cell" at the Ventura County Probation Agency Juvenile Facility. (FI-04).*

**Response:** The Juvenile Facilities safety cells are required to be in compliance with Title 15 Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities and California Code of Regulations and Title 24 Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities. These standards limit the size of the window to no more than four inches wide. To improve visibility, a four inch dome mirror has been adhered to the safety cell ceiling in a location that provides a view of the entire cell from the window of the door.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Grand Jury report.