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Attn: Robert E. Johnson, Foreperson

August 1, 2002

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I would like to thank you for your recommendation and assure you that the Probation Department shall continue to make every effort to secure funding to rectify this situation.

Sincerely,

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Re: TURLOCK JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
RESPONSE TO THE FINAL REPORT, PART FIVE, OF
GRAND JURY CASE NO. 02-08-C
REPORT DATED: July 8, 2002

Dear Judge Mayhew and the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors:

Please be advised that the undersigned currently represents the Turlock Joint Union High School District. Please accept this as the Turlock Joint Union High School District's response to the Grand Jury's Final Report, Part Five, which was issued on July 8, 2002.

A) FINDINGS REGARDING COMPLAINTS NUMBER ONE THROUGH THREE:

1) The Turlock Joint Union High School District agrees with findings one through seven, nine, eleven through seventeen, and nineteen through twenty-three.

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2) The Turlock Joint Union High School District disagrees with the following findings and provides the basis thereof.

a) Finding Number Eight: "THS employs a full-time athletic trainer to work with the school's teams. This individual is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) and has served as the THS trainer for nearly four years."

TJUHS D's Response: THS has employed a full-time athletic trainer for at least 20 years prior to the initiation of the subject Grand Jury report.

b) Finding Number Ten: "All participants are required to sign an agreement indicating their upstanding of the program's principles and objectives, however, the "Pursuing Victory With Honor" agreement was only signed by the THS principal."

TJUHS D's Response: For the past two years, all students and coaches participating in athletic events are required to sign, and have signed, the "Pursuing Victory With Honor" agreements, indicating their understanding of its principles and objectives. Once all of these signatures have been obtained, the principal of THS then signs an "assurance letter" which is sent to the CIF. The "assurance letter" states that said agreement has been read and signed by all participating coaches and students.

c) Finding Number 18: "TJUHS D investigated allegations presented to the Board of Trustees at its July 2001 meeting with no conclusive action made known to the Civil Grand Jury."

TJUHS D's Response: TJUHS D investigated allegations presented to the Board of Trustees at its July 2001, meeting. If said investigation found action was necessary by the TJUHS D, said action was completed internally and directly with the coaches involved.

B) RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRAND JURY TO COMPLAINTS NUMBER ONE THROUGH THREE:

The items recommended had been in place prior to the Grand Jury investigation and continue to be implemented.

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C) FINDINGS REGARDING COMPLAINT NUMBER FOUR:

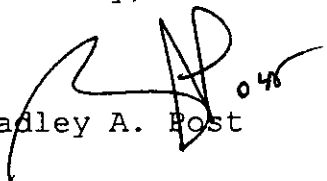
The Turlock Joint Union High School District agrees with the findings.

D) RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING COMPLAINT NUMBER FOUR:

The item recommended was in place prior to the Grand Jury investigation and continues to be implemented.

If you require any further response, please notify me of such at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,


Bradley A. Post

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**ADMINISTRATION
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August 21, 2002

The Honorable William Mayhew
Judge of the Stanislaus County Superior Court
P.O. Box 3488
Modesto, CA 95353Re: Response to Civil Grand Jury Final Report Part VII,
Sheriff's Department/Adult Detention

Dear Judge Mayhew,

The 2001-2002 Civil Grand Jury conducted an investigation of the Stanislaus County Jail system as mandated by Penal Code Section 919(b). The inspection was conducted of the Men's Jail, the Public Safety Center, and the Honor Farm. The final report, Part VII, outlined several findings and several recommendations made by this Grand Jury. The required response, pursuant to Sections 933(c) and 933.05 of the Penal Code, is attached.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Les Weidman", written over a horizontal line.
LES WEIDMAN, Sheriff-Coroner
Stanislaus County

LW:kgh

cc: Sheriff's Administration
Lee Lundrigan, County Clerk
Reagan M. Wilson, Chief Executive Officer
Tom Mayfield, Chair, Board of Supervisors
✓ Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury

Response to the 2001-2002 Civil Grand Jury
Final Report Part Seven
Case No. 02-13-GJ

RE: Stanislaus County Men's Jail

FINDINGS

1. The Men's Jail is a maximum-security facility built in 1955. There are three (3) floors, a basement and a rooftop exercise area.

Agreed.

2. The maximum capacity of the Men's Jail is 392 inmates. The current population, on the date of inspection, was 357 inmates.

Agreed

3. Three hundred twenty-six of the beds are maximum security.

Agreed

4. In addition to inmate housing, the Men's Jail provides:

- a. A secure medical treatment area staffed by CFMG twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
- b. A kitchen facility that receives and processes meals sent from the Central Kitchen at the Public Safety Center.
- c. A non-contact visitors room.
- d. A booking area that includes holding cells and a suicide watch cell for detainees not yet processed.
- e. An updated law library made available to all inmates upon request.
- f. Inmate commissary.

Agreed

5. Inmate welfare funds, which are monies from the commissary and telephones, fund inmate programs.

Agreed

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6. Stanislaus County received a Violent Offender grant in October 1997 to repair the Men's Jail. The grant stipulated that the jail would be used for an additional ten (10) years.

Agreed

7. This grant was used in 1998 to replace inadequate security control panels, interior doors and to add an exterior security gate. In addition, repeaters have been made available to enable the custodial staff to maintain continuous radio contact.

Agreed

8. The Men's Jail is housed in an aged building requiring continual repairs to maintain safety. According to CSBOC, the Men's Jail is in dire need of overhaul. The areas of plumbing and fixtures, electrical and lighting, and ventilation and showers were specifically cited as needing attention.

Agreed

9. Maintenance issues are reported to, and handled by, Stanislaus County Public Works.

Agreed

10. The Men's Jail has a secure tunnel that runs from the basement of the jail to the basement of the Stanislaus County Superior Court, which houses a holding cell. Inmates scheduled for a court appearance are transferred through this tunnel to maintain public safety. Inmates are held in the holding cell until called into the courtroom.

Agreed

11. The Men's Jail has a persistent contraband problem, most notably illegal drugs and cigarettes.

Agreed

12. Work-related injuries are a main factor contributing to staff shortages.

Agreed

The Civil Grand Jury Recommends that:

1. A Needs Assessment Plan for replacing the current facility be finalized by 2004. The plan would include cost estimates, funding resources and a completion date.

This recommendation has not been implemented but is included in the current budget proposal as well as capitol project assessment.

2. Maintenance issues need to be addressed in a timely manner.

This recommendation has been implemented, additional funding has been provided for in the current budget and work is being scheduled.

3. The Sheriff's Department continues to review the existing policy regarding disability leave, investigate the actual costs of the current program and find less costly solutions.

This recommendation has been implemented as we will continue to work toward reducing the effect of disability leave while being certain that the legal protections of the employee is safe guarded.

RE: Stanislaus County Public Safety Center

FINDINGS:

1. The Public Safety Center, built in 1992, is a direct supervision facility with minimum to maximum-security for female inmates and medium to maximum security for male inmates.

Agreed

2. The maximum capacity of the Public Safety Center is 328 males and 192 females. The current population, on the date of inspection, was 328 males and 155 females.

Agreed

3. Housing for the female inmates is as follows:

- a. Three (3) pods which hold females requiring minimum security. Each pod has sixty-four (64) beds. Only two (2) pods are in use at this time.

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- b. Housing Unit I with sixty-six (66) beds which holds females requiring medium security.

Agreed

4. Housing for the male inmates consists of four (4) housing units with sixty-six (66) beds holding males requiring medium security.

Agreed

5. Housing Unit B is a separate entity comprised of three (3) separate maximum security units for male and female inmates:

- a. The Mental Health Unit has twenty-four (24) beds.
- b. The Maximum-Security Lock Down has forty (40) beds.
- c. The Temporary-Housing Lock Down has forty (40) beds.

Agreed

6. In addition to inmate housing, the Public Safety Center provides:

- a. A secure medical treatment area staffed by CFMG twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
- b. An updated law library made available to all inmates upon request.
- c. Non-contact visitor rooms.
- d. The Central Laundry Facility:
 - (1) Is staffed by twelve (12) Honor Farm inmates.
 - (2) Processes five thousand pounds of laundry daily for the Men's Jail, the Honor Farm, the Public Safety Center and Juvenile Hall.

Agreed

7. The Central Kitchen:

- a. Prepares meals for the Men's Jail, the Public Safety Center, the Honor Farm and contracts to provide meals to Juvenile Hall and Amador County.
- b. Is supervised by Public Safety Center uniformed kitchen staff and has a work detail of twenty-seven (27) inmates.
- c. Processes food which is sealed and quick chilled, then moved to cold storage until needed.
- d. Meets strict guidelines for the nutritional needs of inmates.

Agreed

The Civil Grand Jury Recommends that:

None.

RE: Stanislaus County Honor Farm

FINDINGS:

1. The Honor Farm is a male-only, minimum-security facility; approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) years old, and comprised of four (4) barrack-type buildings for housing inmates. Each building has eighty-six (86) beds. Only three (3) of these buildings are presently in use.

Agreed

2. The maximum capacity of the Honor Farm is 426 beds; however, CSBOC has rated the capacity at 322. On the date of inspection, there were 243 inmates, both sentenced and non-sentenced. Sentenced inmates have finalized disposition of their cases, while non-sentenced inmates are awaiting due process.

Agreed

3. In addition to inmate housing, the Honor Farm provides:
 - a. A secure medical treatment area housed in a modular building and staffed by CFMG twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

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- b. An updated law library made available to all inmates upon request.
- c. A modular building for use as a classroom and a visitors' area.
- d. A kitchen facility that receives and processes meals sent from the Central Kitchen.
- e. A mess hall for inmate dining.
- f. For commissary privileges by having supplies brought in weekly for inmates to make purchases.
- g. A large workshop for woodworking, welding, repairing vehicles and equipment and a wide variety of other handyman projects maintained by inmates.
- h. A greenhouse, with a variety of herbs, flowers and vegetables maintained by inmates. The Central Kitchen uses the harvest to prepare meals. The remainder is donated to the Salvation Army, Victory Outreach and/or area churches.

Agreed

4. The following programs are made available to inmates:

- a. General Equivalency Diploma (GED) classes.
- b. Men in Recovery--substance-abuse program.
- c. Parenting classes.
- d. TRACS.
- e. Vocational training in small engine repair, landscaping, welding, painting, carpentry, and printing.
- f. Work detail available only to sentenced inmates.

Agreed

5. The Honor Farm maintains a fire suppressant system sufficient to provide fire fighting capabilities until the fire department arrives.

Agreed

6. Power outages occur approximately three (3) to four (4) times a year during the winter months. The current generator does not provide sufficient power to the facility during an outage. It will maintain only minimal lighting in the main office and kitchen and provide only dim nightlights in the barracks. Two-thirds (2/3) of the power pole security lights around the compound shut down. The water supply and sewer system shut down as well. Downtime during these power outages depends solely on the timeliness of repairs by Turlock Irrigation District.

Agreed

7. Inmates, with limited staff supervision, perform maintenance of the barracks and compound.

Agreed

8. The road into the facility and the parking lots are full of large potholes and uneven surfaces.

Agreed

9. The Honor Farm has a persistent contraband problem, most notably illegal drugs and cigarettes.

Agreed

10. Due to the rural location of the Honor Farm, contraband is thrown over the fence into the compound under the cover of darkness.

Agreed

The Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

1. Stanislaus County purchase a back-up generator sufficient to operate the entire facility including the on-premise fire suppressant equipment.

This recommendation will not be implemented since it is not reasonable to operate the entire facility when power fails. Essential functions must continue. We will take a close look at the emergency power and its present configuration.

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The current generator at the Honor Farm was placed in service about 6 years ago. If it is not of sufficient generation capacity we will pursue either the replacement or addition of another generator to provide back up service to essential functions.

2. Stanislaus County resurface the parking lots and the road running from Grayson Road to the parking areas.

This recommendation has been implemented in that funding necessary for the resurfacing has been provided in this year's budget. Bids and preparation are in progress.

3. Drug-sniffing canines be used for unscheduled walk-through inspections of the facility to deter the flow of contraband.

This recommendation has been in practice for many years. We will try to increase the number of times that it is used during the year.

4. Improve lighting of the perimeter fences to deter the flow of contraband into the facility. This will also increase overall security.

This recommendation will require further study. We must determine whether a change in the type of lighting will suffice or if additional poles and fixtures are needed. We would expect this study to be completed before the end of 2002.



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