

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

The governance of responses to the Grand Jury Final Report is contained in Penal Code §933 and §933.05. Responses must be submitted within 60 or 90 days. Elected officials must respond within sixty (60) days, governing bodies (for example, the Board of Supervisors) must respond within ninety (90) days. Please submit all responses in writing and digital format to the Advising Judge and the Grand Jury Foreperson.

Report Title: JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY Report Date: 8/3/2010

Response by: F. RAY SIMMONS Title: SUPERINTENDENT

FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings numbered:

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered: _____
have been implemented (attach a summary describing the implemented actions).

Recommendations numbered: _____
require further analysis (attach an explanation of the analysis or study, and the time frame for the matter to be prepared by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body where applicable. The time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of the Grand Jury Report).

Recommendations numbered: 10-23
will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable (attach an explanation).

Date: 8-4-10 Signed: 

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August 3, 2010

Honorable Janet Gaard
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RE: Response to Grand Jury Report – 2009/2010
Recommendations 10-23 and Findings F-1

Dear Judge Gaard:

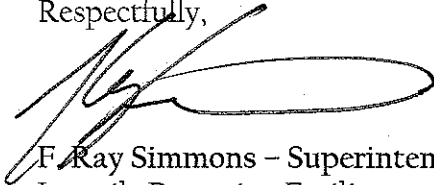
This is in response to the 2009/2010 Grand Jury report Recommendation 10-23, "Provide mesh wash sacks to detainees so they may keep track of clothing originally allocated to them, and to give the detainee a sense of ownership and self respect." This will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable for the following reasons:

1. The Yolo County Juvenile Detention Facilities is compliant with Title 15, Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities, for Clothing Exchange. Outer garments which include pants, sweaters, and shorts are exchanged on a minimum of a weekly basis or as needed if sooner. Undergarments to include underwear, sports bras, T-shirts, and socks are exchanged on a daily basis during showers or on an as needed basis if needed sooner. All clothing items are inspected regularly for stains and discarded if necessary. The detention facility outsources all its clothing laundering to the Yolo County Sheriff's Department (Monroe Detention Center) with the exception of female minors' underclothing which is laundered daily at the Juvenile Detention Facility in appropriate temperature and detergent. Careful inspection is made on all underclothings to check for stains and soiling in order to ensure removal from circulation and then discarded.
2. All clothing items issued to the minors are based on a collection of sized for the minor during the initial booking process. A clothing roster is kept in order to maintain adequate sizes for the minors when clothing is issued. All clothing rolls are prepared by staff that is familiar with the minors and are able to make

appropriate judgment regarding minors clothing sizes that are to be issued. All clothing shower rolls are individually labeled with each minor's name on it and is distributed to them during shower time on a daily basis. The clothing shower rolls consist of one towel, socks, undergarments, sports bra, a T-shirt and outer clothing. Minors are not given the option of selecting clothing items from a bulk pile of clothing as suggested in the Grand Jury Report Findings (F1). If a minor is unhappy with the fitting, condition, or has other issues with the clothing that was assigned to them, staff make reasonable efforts to provide the minor with an appropriate exchange within a reasonable timeframe. (In most cases minors request clothing which would be considered ill fitting such as extremely oversized clothing or extremely tight clothing. This is not appropriate dressing for the detention facility.)

If you would like additional information or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (530) 406-5306. Thank you.

Respectfully,



F. Ray Simmons – Superintendent
Juvenile Detention Facility

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