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The Honorable D. Scott Daniels  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Solano Superior Court  
600 Union Ave  
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Judge Daniels:

2009-2010 Grand Jury Report

This correspondence is generated in response to the findings and recommendations contained in the 2009-2010 Solano County Grand Jury Report for California State Prison – Solano (SOL). This response is in compliance with the specification pursuant to the Penal Code Section 933.05.

**Finding 1** - The prison is well organized in maintaining control of the prisoners. Excellent programs are offered to the prisoners, and it appears that most of the guards have a good rapport with the prisoners. The facility is currently being operated under challenging circumstances, e.g. overcrowding, loss of staff positions.

Recommendation 1 – California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) agrees with the Grand Jury's recommendation to continue with Vocation and Education programs at SOL given the current economic climate.

**Finding 2** - Possession and use of smuggled cell phones by prison inmates are still a serious security problem that is not being adequately addressed within the prison system. Prison staff has a robust disciplinary system to take job action against employees who bring contraband into prisons but, the system is hampered by inadequate criminal penalties.

Recommendation 2 – CDCR in conjunction with the Office of Legislation has introduced Senate Bill 6126 (Oropeza). This bill would require the Inspector General to oversee and conduct periodic and random searches for cell phones of all employees entering all state prisons under the jurisdiction of CDCR.


SOL currently participates in the statewide program, 'Project Disconnect.' This program has resulted in more than 30 pending adverse personnel actions for cell phone related offences. Additionally, in 2009, SOL implemented the first cell phone detecting dog pilot program.

**Finding 3** – In light of the cutbacks, there is anticipated growth in the area of community partnerships, specifically as they relate to increasing volunteer services offered to inmates.

Recommendation 3 - CDCR agrees with the Grand Jury's findings. SOL will continue to encourage community volunteers by publicizing events and programs via newspapers, county newsletters, libraries and the local media.

Currently, SOL has over 30 self-help programs to assist inmates in their rehabilitation in order to reduce recidivism and increase public safety. Through the Education, Vocation, Industries and Self-Help programs, the institution provides inmates the opportunity to develop the life skills necessary for successful re-integration into society.

Sincerely,



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