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Honorable Robert C. Fracchia, Presiding Judge Solano County Grand Jury Hall of Justice 600 Union Ave. Fairfield, CA 94533

Re: Response to 2016/2017 Grand Jury Report

Dear Honorable Robert C. Fracchia:

The Rio Vista Police Department has reviewed the 2016/2017 Grand Jury Report Entitled: Civil Asset Forfeiture: A Functional Review and provides the following response per California Penal Code 933.05:

Finding 1 – Annual financial audit of all credits and debits to the seized proceeds holding account is not performed as required by California Health and Safety Code §11469. The code also specifies seizing agencies shall ensure seized property is protected and its value preserved.

The respondent agrees with the finding. The recommendation to perform annual audits has been implemented.

Finding 2 - Agencies are not returning proceeds that are not forfeited or claimed to the property owner and following proper escheatment procedures per California Government Code sections 50050 - 50057.

The respondent agrees with the finding. The recommendation has not yet been implemented however policies are currently being reviewed and updated to insure requirements are met under Government Code 50050 - 50057. Policy updates will be complete by December 31, 2017. Should any assets be seized the recommendation will be followed.

Finding 4 - In recurrent instances, proceeds posted from what were described as asset forfeiture cases were never reported to the District Attorney's Office as being asset forfeiture based and therefore were never logged as such.

The respondent agrees with the finding. The recommendation has been implemented.

Finding 5 – Transaction descriptions printed on General Ledger reports do not always include an adequate identifying case reference number for research. Key information is either missing or not accurate due to bookkeeping software system limitations that cause information to truncate when printed. (Fairfield, Rio Vista, Vacaville, and County Sheriff's Office)

The respondent agrees with the recommendation. The recommendation has not yet been implemented. City Finance and Police staff are currently updating and upgrading all records management systems. Estimated time of completion is December 31, 2017.

The City of Rio Vista and the Police Department recently hired a new city manager and police chief. We will both be working diligently to correct past practices and policies that do not meet statutory requirements or do not reflect professional levels of service to the community. I thank you for the opportunity to address these issues.

Best Regards,

Dan Dailey
Chief of Police