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June 5, 2013

Honorable Paul L. Beeman
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Judge Beeman:

I am writing to respond to the Solano County Grand Jury's final report entitled "Solano County Police Department Holding Cells." As a result of an inspection of holding cells at the Vacaville Police Department, the Grand Jury found "the holding cell area to be modern, well-equipped and maintained. The holding cell area has audio/video surveillance that is monitored by the Vacaville Police Department dispatch center. The holding cell area has a fire suppression system and an emergency and evacuation plan. The Grand Jury observed the sally port area was cluttered with loose equipment, such as: plastic rods, fire extinguishers, a metal tire pump and numerous unsecured bicycles that could be utilized as dangerous weapons. There is a chain link fenced area within the sally port that serves as a storage area that was unlocked and open."

Consequently, the Grand Jury made the following finding and recommendation:

Finding 1- Sally port area contains unsecured bicycles, fire extinguishers and other potentially dangerous items that may be accessible to the arrestee.

Recommendation 1- Properly store all unsecured items in locked cages in the sally port.

Response: Agree. Soon after the Grand Jury inspection, Police Department staff removed all loose equipment. Most of the unsecured property was removed, and some was secured within the chain link fenced area within our sally port. Further, in response to the Grand Jury's findings, we added chain link fencing in our sally port area to expand our storage capacity.

Sincerely,

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