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Presiding Judge, Madera County Grand Jury  
Madera, County Superior Court  
200 S. G Street  
Madera, CA 93637

**Subject: Response to the 2016-17 Grand Jury Report entitled "Madera County Juvenile Detention Facility."**

Honorable Presiding Judge:

Pursuant to the California Penal Code 933.05, the Madera County Board of Supervisors submits this response to the findings and recommendations in the 2016-17 Madera County Grand Jury report entitled "Madera County Juvenile Detention Facility." See Attachment #1.

The following are the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations and the Board of Supervisors' responses:

Finding 1:

Some staff go beyond the basic requirements of their job responsibilities as evidenced by their caring personal interactions with the wards.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 2:

The facility is well run.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Recommendation 1:

The staff of the Juvenile Detention Facility be commended for their dedication to the well being of the Wards.

Recommendation 2:

Those staff members who are creating a very positive influence on the Wards be recognized for their outstanding performance.

Response

Respondent agrees with both of the above recommendations. Under separate cover, the Chief of Probation has responded to the above recommendations and stated:

*"Madera County Probation staff is recognized every July during "Probation, Parole, and Pre-Trial Services Week" with a barbeque and raffle. This year the Department plans on having additional barbeques since the facility is a 24-hour operation and it is difficult for many of those employees to attend. Therefore, the facility's Deputy Chief and Chief Probation Officer plan on having Team barbeques during each Team shift so that each employee can be recognized and commended for their services and contributions to the betterment of the Department, County, and its citizens. This year the Department's "Officer of the Year" had its first co-winners and (2) Juvenile Detention Officers, Jose Macias and Tom Okano, were both recognized for their contributions to the Department, County, and its citizens. They were also recently recognized at the annual Elk's and Kiwanis's "Officer of the Year Awards and Dinner." This year we plan on recognizing all detention staff individually at the Team barbeques mentioned in Recommendation #1."*

The Board acknowledges the Grand Jury's review and time involved in this matter, and appreciates the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,



Max Rodriguez  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors