

April 26, 2002

Honorable Rodney S. Melville
Presiding Judge
Santa Barbara Superior Court
312-C East Cook Street
Santa Maria, CA 93456-5369

**Re: Response to Grand Jury Report on Criminal Justice Detention Facilities Report
(March 2002)**

Dear Hon. Rodney S. Melville:

This Response is filed in accordance with California Penal Code sections 933(c) and 933.05. Specifically, it responds to recommendations in the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury's report on Criminal Justice Detention Facilities.

The Recommendations and Findings from that report which apply to this agency are Findings 2, 9(b), and Recommendations 2, 9(b).

Finding #2: The Main Jail is not configured to meet Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations for minors detained in adult facilities.

Response: Agree.

Recommendation #2: The Sheriff should educate all parties involved in sentence recommendations as to this limitation.

Response: All the pertinent agencies within the Criminal Justice System that are affected by this particular limitation are well aware of the problem. Over a several-month span there have been exchanges of information and preliminary thoughts on how best to deal with this issue. Last week all the affected agencies met. From the District Attorney's perspective, I believe that those affected agencies are working collectively towards a solution to this problem.

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Finding #9: Isla Vista is prone to excessive student-generated littering during the academic year.

Response: I have no first-hand knowledge that this is in fact true or not true. The use of the word "excessive" makes it even more difficult to definitively determine whether or not the factual finding can be agreed or not agreed with.

Recommendation #9(b): The District Attorney should consider recommending that students booked for public intoxication/urination do community service in Isla Vista by cleaning up litter on the streets.

Response: Agree. To some extent this is already used in appropriate cases, but the attached memorandum to all staff reminding them of the appropriateness of using this particular condition of probation should remind them of the importance of this particular remedy, the Grand Jury's observations about its usefulness in correcting what they perceive to be a problem in the Isla Vista community.

Very truly yours,

Thomas W. Sneddon, Jr.
District Attorney

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cc: Grand Jury Foreperson
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Memorandum



Date: August 6, 2002

To: South County Deputy District Attorneys

From: Thomas W. Sneddon, Jr., District Attorney

Subject: Use of Community Service as a Condition of Probation in Isla Vista Cases

In March of this year the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury issued a report—its Criminal Justice Detention Facilities Report. Finding 9 indicated a belief by the Grand Jury that Isla Vista is prone to excessive student-generated littering during the academic year. As a result, they put a recommendation in the Report encouraging the District Attorney's Office to recommend that students booked or cited for public intoxication/urination be required to do community service in Isla Vista by cleaning up litter on the streets.

To the extent that we are involved in adjudicating these cases and to the extent that community service can be used for this purpose and is consistent with the ends of justice, I encourage all staff to use this probation condition. Community service in lieu of fines or other forms of punishment are an effective way to deal with the results of irresponsible conduct and could have a deterrent effect on future conduct.