

May 9, 2002

Hon. Clifford R. Anderson, III
Presiding Judge
Santa Barbara County Superior Court
Post Office Box 21107
Santa Barbara, CA 93121-1107

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report on Criminal Justice Committee Detention Facility

Dear Judge Anderson:

Please consider the following my Penal Code section 933.05 response to the above Grand Jury Report.

Finding #7: Agree. Although I have no first-hand information as to the actual extent of the clean-up problem, I have assumed for the purposes of this Response that there is a reasonable basis for the Finding and that a community problem of some extent exists.

Recommendation #7(a): Agree. This is already being done on a large-scale basis as detailed in the Probation Department's response to this report. If this Recommendation is meant to suggest that those whose arrests and convictions are connected with the conduct that produces the debris and garbage during these holidays or celebrations, I also agree, although from Probation's response it appears that the system will need to be tweaked a bit to accomplish this.

Recommendation #7(b): This Recommendation requires further analysis. From the District Attorney's standpoint, this Recommendation has no applicability. The oversight of inmate labor and the creation of work programs and assignments of inmate labor is essentially a Sheriff's correction responsibility. I would defer to the Sheriff's Department's response to this particular recommendation.

Very truly yours,

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District Attorney

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