



NAPA COUNTY OFFICE OF SHERIFF- CORONER

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GARY L. SIMPSON
Sheriff - Coroner

August 16, 2005

The Honorable Richard Bennett, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of Napa County
825 Brown St
NAPA CA 94559

Your Honor:

Pursuant to Penal Code 933 this letter transmits the response of the Sheriff to the Findings made by the 2004-2005 Grand Jury regarding the Napa County Sheriff's Department.

Please call me at 707.259.8673 or e-mail me at jyork@co.napa.ca.us if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,


JAMES A. YORK
UNDERSHERIFF

Cc: Response Committee of the 2004-1005 Grand Jury
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By: C. Brennan
Deputy

Napa County Sheriff
Responses to Grand Jury Recommendations
Fiscal Year 2004-2005

JAIL OVERCROWDING

Finding 6

NSH inmates often require additional guard support and contribute to the overcrowding at the jail.

Sheriff's Response:

The Sheriff is in agreement that NSH inmates often require additional guard support and contribute to the overcrowding at the jail.

Recommendation 6

NSH inmates should be transported to and from court directly from the hospital, where their needs are best served. This would also help relieve overcrowding, by increasing the jail capacity by three percent.

Sheriff's Response:

The Transportation Unit of the Napa Sheriff's Department is responsible for the movement of or arranging for the movement of prisoners to and from Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC), State Department of Corrections Facilities, State Department of Mental Health Facilities, County Jails, and any number of local private medical service providers. It is also called upon to assist in the transportation of prisoners that are being extradited from other States to Napa County. Mental Health patients are transported to and from all of the State's Mental Health facilities to NCDC by the Sheriff by order of the court and those orders are very specific as to where the Sheriff is to deliver the inmate. The recommendation cannot be implemented without the concurrence of the Courts and the California State Department of Mental Health. The County, through the Adult Correction System Master Plan Coordinating Committee, will include this recommendation in the development of its 20 year master plan.