May 23, 1997

The Honorable Robert C. Bradley
Presiding Judge
Ventura County Superior Court
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Judge Bradley:

We have reviewed the Grand Jury's Report and note that they made no recommendations requiring a response by the Sheriff's Department.

The Grand Jury conducted an audit of the Todd Road Jail Facility. Additionally, the Grand Jury pursued an inquiry into the deployment and training of K-9 units by the county's public safety agencies.

The Todd Road Jail audit focused on: Personnel and Management Training; Records and Public Information; Inmate Programs and Activities; Discipline; Medical/Mental Health Services; Food; Inmate Clothing and Personal Hygiene; Bedding and Linens; and Facilities Sanitation and Safety. Four minor text edits recommended to the facility's Policies and Procedures Manual have been made that will provide more clarity of the facilities procedures.

The recommendations made relating to funding sources and public awareness programs are already in place within the Sheriff's K-9 Program.

The employees of the Sheriff's Department and I appreciate the Grand Jury's commendation of our efforts in the operation of the Todd Road Jail Facility,

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particularly the efforts of the Todd Road Management Team. We are also very pleased with their comments relating to the operation of the Sheriff's K-9 Program.

The employees who make up the Ventura County Sheriff's Department are known for their dedication to serving the citizens of the County. This dedication is exemplified by their attitude and performance on the job.

We will ensure that the Grand Jury's commendations are passed along to the personnel whose exemplary performance has resulted in the positive comments conveyed in this report.

Sincerely,

LARRY CARPENTER
Sheriff