

VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY



Final Report 2000 - 2001

The Ventura County Grand Jury is an independent investigative body whose primary function is investigating and reporting on all governmental bodies within the county. Its powers and duties include bringing indictments for criminal or public offenses and being responsive to citizens' complaints.

The Grand Jury is directed to prepare and issue a final report in accordance with Penal Code Section 933 and must include suggested means for resolution of problems identified under Penal Code Section 916.

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July 1, 2001

Honorable Bruce A. Clark, Presiding Judge
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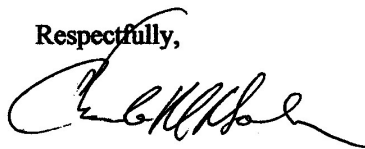
Honorable Judge Clark,

I am pleased to present to you the Final Report of the 2000-2001 Grand Jury.

It has been a privilege for me to serve as Foreman of a Grand Jury composed of such dynamic, diversified and dedicated citizens of the County. Together we heard the longest and most complex indictment case ever presented to a Grand Jury in this County.

As a consequence of the major time commitment to this indictment proceeding, the governmental oversight duties of the Grand Jury were severely curtailed. That does not diminish, however, the Grand Jury's belief and endorsement of the observations and recommendations contained in this, our Final Report.

Respectfully,



Charles M. Malone, Foreman

Legal requirements for responses

Section 933.05 - Response to Finding

(a) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:

- (1) The respondent agrees with the finding.
- (2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:

- (1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.
- (2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.
- (3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.
- (4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.

(c) However, if a finding or recommendation of the grand jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or department headed by an elected officer, both the agency or department head and the board of supervisors shall respond if requested by the grand jury, but the response of the board of supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision making authority. The response of the elected agency or department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her agency or department.

(d) A grand jury may request a subject person or entity to come before the grand jury for the purpose of reading and discussing the findings of the grand jury report that relates to that person or entity in order to verify the accuracy of the findings prior to their release.

(e) During an investigation, the grand jury shall meet with the subject of that investigation regarding the investigation, unless the court, either on its own determination or upon request of the foreperson of the grand jury, determines that such a meeting would be detrimental.

(f) A grand jury shall provide to the affected agency a copy of the portion of the grand jury report relating to that person or entity two working days prior to its public release and after the approval of the presiding judge. No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to the public release of the final report.



CHARLES W. CAMPBELL
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
January 1, 1998 - December 31, 2000



BRUCE A. CLARK
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
January 1, 2001 - present

2000 - 2001 Ventura County Grand Jury

| | | |
|--|------------------|------------|
| Dolores Anderson Corresponding Secretary | Ventura | District 1 |
| Leslie Anderson Indictment Secretary | Ventura | District 1 |
| Ronald Andrews | Simi Valley | District 4 |
| Walter Card | Oxnard | District 5 |
| Frank D. Cardamone | Thousand Oaks | District 2 |
| Malcom Cornett | Ventura | District 1 |
| Farlane Garcia Recording Secretary | Camarillo | District 3 |
| Bob Goodwin Sergeant-at-Arms | Ventura | District 1 |
| Henry Knowles | Port Hueneme | District 2 |
| Linda M. LaSalle Foreman Pro Tem | Camarillo | District 3 |
| Charles M. Malone Foreman | Thousand Oaks | District 2 |
| Richard L. Parker | Simi Valley | District 4 |
| Ray Rieman Parliamentarian | Ventura | District 1 |
| Arnold Robles | Ventura | District 1 |
| Gerry Rubey Treasurer | Ventura | District 1 |
| William Sandstrom | Ventura | District 1 |
| Ronald J. Sparks Librarian/Historian | Simi Valley | District 4 |
| Jack Taranto | Westlake Village | District 2 |
| Adolf Zarate | Oxnard | District 5 |



Back Row left to right; Ronald J. Sparks, Arnold Robles, Henry Knowles, William Sandstrom, Rickard Parker, Leslie G. Anderson, Adolph Zarate, Ronald Andrews, Jack Taranto, Raymond Rieman, Malcolm Cornett, Walter W. Card,
Seated left to right; Geraldine Rubey, Frank D. Cardamone, Linda M. LaSalle, Charles M. Malone, Farlane Garcia, Robert Goodwin, Dorlores Anderson

2000-2001 Ventura County Grand Jury External Committees

Audit, Finance And County Administration

Has oversight responsibility for functions involving County elected officials and departments.

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| Frank Cardamone, Co-chair | Bob Goodwin |
| Linda LaSalle | Gerry Rubey, Co-chair |
| Bill Sandstrom | |

Cities And Joint Powers

Has oversight responsibility for functions regarding the ten cities within Ventura County.

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| Ron Andrews | Walt Card |
| Malcolm cornett | Hank Knowles |
| Adolf Zarate, Chair | |

County Services And Special Districts

Has oversight responsibility for functions regarding special districts, the agencies that support many of the special districts, and county services.

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| Leslie Anderson | Ron Andres |
| Farlane Garcia | Bob Goodwin |
| Ray Rieman, Chair Pro Tem | Arnold Robles |
| Bill Sandstrom | Jack Taranto |

Health, Education And Welfare

Has oversight responsibility for County schools, health care agencies, human services and libraries.

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| Ron Andrews | Frank Cardamone |
| Malcolm Cornett | Linda LaSalle |
| Arnold Robles | Gerry Rubey |
| Ron Sparks | Jack Taranto, Chair |
| Adolf Zarate | |

Law, Justice And Public Safety

Has oversight responsibility for detention facilities, law enforcement agencies, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Probation Department, Medical Examiner-Coroner and Fire Protection District.

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| Dolores Anderson, Chair | Leslie Anderson |
| Ron Andrews | Walt Card |
| Malcolm Cornett | Farlane Garcia |
| Bob Goodwin | Hank Knowles |
| Richard Parker | Ray Rieman |

2000-2001 Ventura County Grand Jury Internal Committees

Complaint Review Committee

Has responsibility to review, recommend action, and acknowledge citizens' complaints. The 1999-2000 Grand Jury received and acted on 28 complaints.

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| Dolores Anderson | Leslie Anderson |
| Ron Andrews | Walt Card |
| Bob Goodwin | Hank Knowles |
| Richard Parker, Chair | Arnold Robles |
| Ron Sparks | Jack Taranto |
| Adolf Zarate | |

Editorial Review Committee

Has responsibility to edit Grand Jury reports and to shepherd the Grand Jury Final Report through the publication process.

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| Dolores Anderson | Leslie Anderson |
| Walt Card | Frank Cardamone |
| Ray Rieman | Bill Sandstrom, Chair |
| Ron Sparks | |

Grand Jury Review Committee

Has responsibility to review and update The Grand Jury Manual, to plan the orientation of the incoming Grand Jury, and to track responses to the prior year's report.

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| Bob Goodwin, Chair | Linda La Salle |
| Bill Sandstrom | |

Community Relations Committee

Has responsibility to inform County residents about the Grand Jury through publicity and the Grand Jury Speakers' Bureau

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| Farlane Garcia, Chair Pro Tem | Hank Knowles |
| Gerry Rubey | Adolf Zarate |

Social Committee

Has responsibility to organize refreshments and social gatherings of the Grand Jury and to arrange a luncheon on July 2nd for the incoming Grand Jury

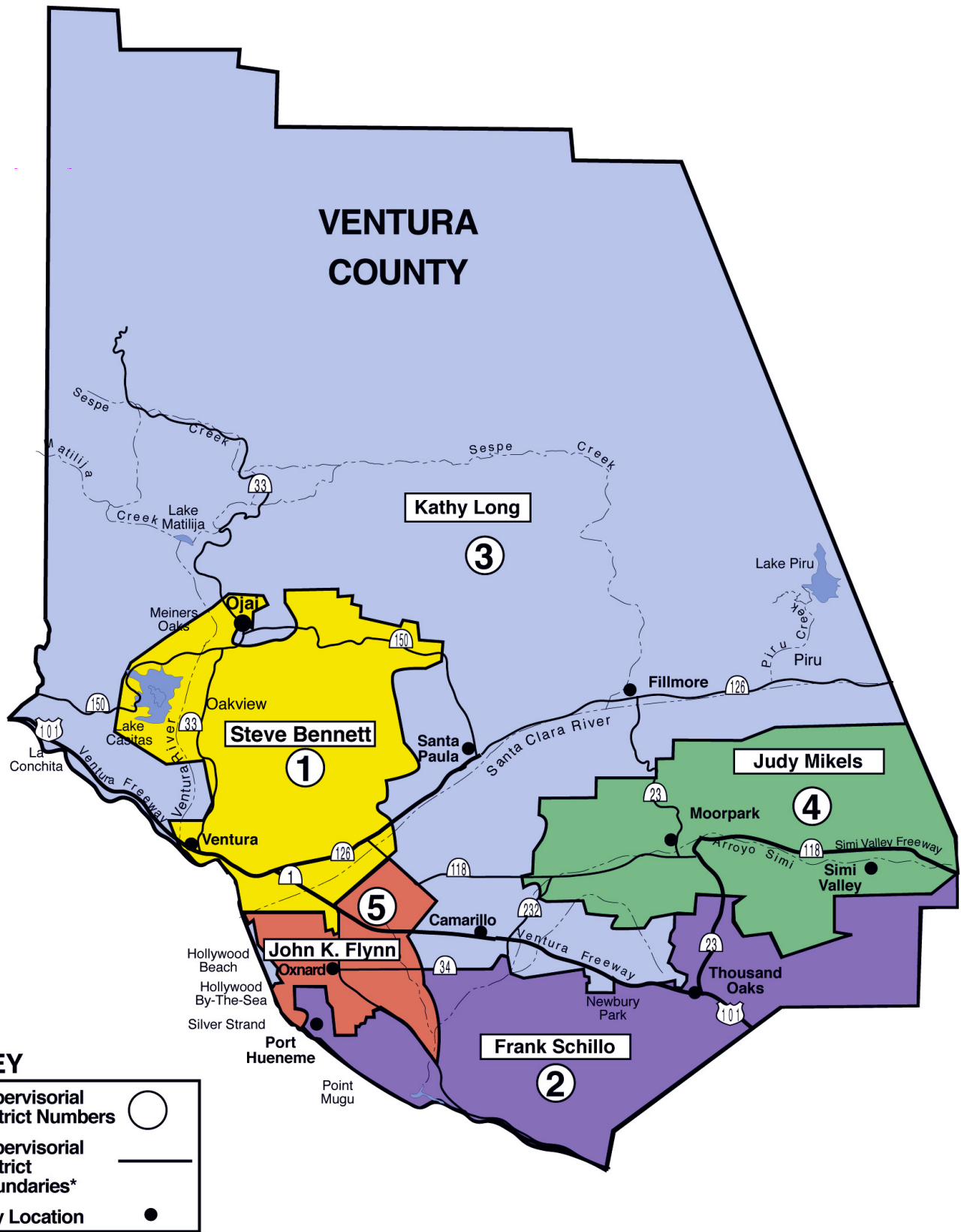
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| Malcolm Cornett | Farlane Garcia |
| Hank Knowles | Arnold Robles |

Indictment & Investigation Summary

One of the Grand Jury's responsibilities involves responding to the District Attorney's request to hear indictments or to conduct investigative hearings which can lead to indictments. The amount of time spent hearing indictments and investigations varies from one grand jury to another and can vary significantly from one year to another.

The following brief summary details the indictment and investigative hearing activity of the 1999 - 2000 Grand Jury.

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| Number of indictments | 5 |
| Number of investigations | 1 |
| Number of days allocated to above hearings..... | 71 |



Supervisorial Districts in Ventura County

Protocol Visits by the Law, Justice, and Public Safety Committee

POLICE DEPARTMENTS (and their lockups)

Port Hueneme Police Department
Oxnard Police Department
Ventura Police Department
Santa Paula Police Department
East Valley Sheriff's Office/Thousand Oaks Police Department
Camarillo Police Department
Ojai Police Department
Simi Valley Police Department
Moorpark Police Department
Fillmore Police Department

JAILS

Women's Jail (Ojai Honor Farm)
Todd Road Jail
Sheriff's Main Jail
Juvenile Hall (Clifton Tatum Center)
Colston
W.E.R.C.
Work Furlough

RIDEALONGS

Sheriff Department
Camarillo Police Department
California Highway Patrol
Search & Rescue helicopter (Sheriff)

OTHER

Ventura County Fire Department Headquarters,
(Camarillo Airport)