

Appendix I:

Responses to the 2000-2001 Grand Jury Report

Background

The 2000-2001 Grand Jury was involved in indictment proceedings that spanned a 7½ month time period, more than any previous Grand Jury in Ventura County history. Due to this fact, the civil oversight responsibilities of this Grand Jury were somewhat time restricted; however, this Grand Jury was able to publish in its final report 11 reports covering a variety of topics, from Sheriff's Department Crime Lab to Court Reporter Transcription Fees, from Mental Health Billing Follow-up to Oversight Responsibilities in Ventura County.

Findings

Figure 1 shows each of the 11 reports and the agencies to which recommendations were addressed.

In all, 31 agencies or departments responded to the reports released, although only 29 responses were required. Sixteen of those (52%) were received by the deadline; 13 responses (42%) ranged from 8 days late to 38 days late. In some cases, formal responses were received by the Grand Jury prior to the date indicated in Figure 1. Since the official date of receipt is the date the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court received the response, that date was used to determine the date of response.

There were a total of 31 responses from the agencies or departments with 27 (87%) responses in agreement with the Grand Jury's recommendations and 4 (13%) in disagreement for reasons, determined by the Grand Jury, to be valid.

Any attempt to determine the total actual implementation of Grand Jury recommendations prior to the conclusion of the current Grand Jury's term is futile in that the timetable for implementation of some recommendations falls after the term ends. The act of verifying implementation of the 2000-2001 Grand Jury's remaining open recommendations, therefore, must pass to the incoming Grand Jury should it be their choice to do so.

Conclusions

Considering the number of reports issued, the record of responses, while allowing room for improvement, is not altogether unreasonable. Just over half of the responses were received in a timely manner. If responses received by the Grand Jury prior to the deadline but not received by the Presiding Judge until after the deadline are included, the percentage of timely responses rises accordingly.

A number of responses from county departments were compiled by the office of the Chief Executive and, after review by the County Board of Supervisors, were forwarded together under one transmittal letter. This caused some reports to appear to be from 8 to 38 days late, depending on the respective department's required timeframe in which to respond, as stated in the Penal Code, section 933 (c). This

practice, while causing some tardiness, is acceptable in that it enables the responses of county departments to be of a more comprehensive nature when combined into one package.

All responses were reviewed by the 2001-2002 Grand Jury, and in two cases, a further follow-up visit was required in order to determine the degree of compliance to the respective department's acceptance of Grand Jury recommendations.

Responses to 2000-2001 Grand Jury Reports

REPORT NAME/RESPONDING AGENCY	RELEASE DATE	RESPONSE DUE/REC'D	DAYS LATE	G.J. ACCEPT	COMMITTEE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BILLING FOLLOW-UP REPORT	6/5/01				AUDIT FINANCE
Responses:					
VCHC Agency Director R-1		8-5-01/6-28-01		7/19	
Director Behavioral Health R-1		8-5-01/10-4-01		7/19	
Director Human Resources Div R-1		8-5-01/9-18-01	43	9/27	
SHERIFF'S DEPT. CRIME LAB	6/6/01	8-6-01/			LAW & JUSTICE
Responses:					
Sheriff's Dept. R-1,R-2,R-3		8-6-01/8-2-01		11/15	
CEO R-1,R-2,R-3		8-6-01/10-9-01		11/15	
GSA R-1,R-2,R-3		8-6-01/10-9-01	63	11/15	
Board of Suprevisors R-1,R-2,R-3		8-6-01/8-3-01		11/15	
RACIAL PROFILING	6/11/01				LAW & JUSTICE
Responses:					
Ventura County Sheriff's Dept.R1,2,3,4		8-11-01/7-10-01		11/15	
TOBACCO TAX MONEY	6/12/01				COUNTIES
Responses:					
Director VCHC Agency R-1,3		8-12-01/6-28-01		7/11	
V.C. CEO R-1,2,3		8-12-01/10-9-01	57	10/17	
V.C. Auditor Controller R-1,2		8-12-01/8-3-01		8/15	
V.C. Transportation Commission R-4		9-12-01/7-20-01		8/1	
SHERIFF'S DEPT WOMEN'S DETENTION FACILITY	6/13/01	8-13-01/			LAW & JUSTICE
Responses:					
Sheriff's Dept. R1,2,3		8-13-01/6-20-01		7/18	
Director Wos Detention Ctr. R-1,2		8-13-01/6-20-01		7/18	
GSA R-3		9-13-01/10-9-01	26	11/15	
Board of Supervisors R-4		8-13-01/10-9-01	56	11/15	
OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES IN V.C. GOVERNMENT	7/1/01				AUDIT FINANCE
Responses:					
Board of Supervisors		9-1-01/10-9-01	38	10/18	
CEO (CAO) R-3,4		9-1-01/10-9-01	38	10/18	
Auditor-Controller R1		9-1-01/8-3-01		8/16	

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RAIN PROJECT	7/1/01				COUNTIES
Responses:					
CEO (CAO) R-1,2		9-1-01/10-9-01	38	10/17	
Rain Project Director R-3,4		9-1-01/10-9-01	38	10/17	
COURT REPORTER TRANSCRIPTION FEES	7/1/01				AUDIT FINANCE
Responses:					
CEO R-1		9-1-01/10-9-01	38	10/17	
District Attorney R-2		10-1-01/10-9-01	8	10/17	
NOV. 2000 VENTURA COUNTY ELECTION	7/1/01				AUDIT FINANCE
County Clerk-Recorder R-1 thru R-7		9-1-01/8-24-01		8/30	
Assistant Registrar of Voters R-1 Thru R-7		9-1-01/8-24-01		8/30	
OXNARD HARBOR DISTRICT	7/1/01				COUNTIES
No Responses Required					
Chief Roper Responded		7/10/01			
VENTURA COUNTY DEPT. OF ANIMAL REGULATION	7/1/01				COUNTIES
Responses:					
CEO R-1		9-1-01/10-9-01	38	10/17	
Board of Supervisors R-1		9-1-01/7-16-01		7/17	
AN INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED RACIAL PROFILING BY THE V.C SHERIFF'S DEPT..	6/11/01				LAW & JUSTICE
Responses:					
Ventura County Sheriff's Dept. R-1,2,3,4		8-11-01/7-3-01		7/3	
RESPONSES TO 1999-2000 GRAND JURY REPORT	7/1/01				GRAND JURY REVIEW
Responses:					
Board of Supervisors		9-1-01/10-9-01	38	11/27	