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Re: Response to the 2002-2003 Ventura County Grand Jury Report entitled
After School Programs in Ventura County

Dear Judge Clark:

As required by California Penal Code section 933.05, this letter is a response to the findings and recommendations of the 2002-2003 Ventura County Grand Jury's Report entitled *After School Programs in Ventura County*. The following is my response to Recommendation R-4:

Findings and Recommendations:

Over the years the Sheriff's Department has developed programs aimed at assisting and mentoring our youth. The Sheriff's Department was involved with the PAL program since July 2000 and participated in the funding of both the gym construction, personnel staffing necessary equipment and selected events. However, while we believe this was an effective program, especially in an area where there are not many opportunities for youth outreach, due to severe budget under funding the Sheriff no longer has the ability to sponsor the PAL program.

The PAL program operated with funding not only from the Sheriff's Department but also through a grant and the Rio School District. When it was determined that the grant and District funds were no longer available a search for new funding sources was conducted by several groups including the Sheriff's Department, Supervisor Flynn's Office, the PAL Board and members of the community, each with negative results. Because there was no viable source of revenue to sustain PAL and the West County unincorporated area was at minimal patrol staffing, the Sheriff was forced to terminate the Department's involvement in the program.

Sincerely

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