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Honorable Bruce Clark
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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PRESIDING JUDGE

Re: Response to the 2002-2003 Ventura Grand Jury Report titled *Intervention Programs for Delinquent Non-Violent Juveniles by the Sheriff and Probation Departments in Ventura County.*

In accordance with California Penal Code section 933.05, this report is a response to the findings and recommendations of the 2002-2003 Ventura Grand Jury Report entitled *Intervention Programs for Delinquent Non-Violent Juveniles by the Sheriff and Probation Departments in Ventura County.* The following are my responses:

Grand Jury's Recommendations:

- R-1 Ventura County Sheriff and the Probation Departments need to work together to establish non-residential programs for youth at risk.
- R-2 It is imperative that a program such as Grizzly be established in Ventura County or the County should aggressively send our juveniles to San Luis Obispo's County's program. This program is funded through Federal and State grants, and Ventura County Sheriff and the Probation Department should seriously study their procedure for obtaining such grants.
- R-3 If we do not send our juvenile youth to Tri-County Boot Camp, it is urgent to establish such a facility in Ventura County, possibly at our new Juvenile Justice Center.
- R-4 Continue the Cops 'n Jocks program since there is no cost to the County.
- R-5 If the Sheriff is unable to fund programs formally under his jurisdiction, contract cities should continue or add programs for youth at risk in their communities.

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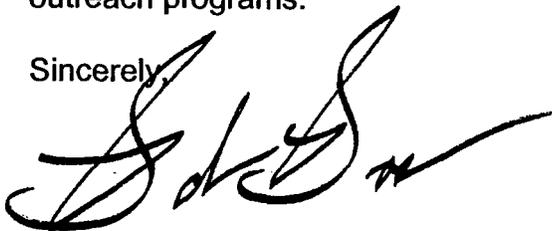
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Sheriff's Response:

- R-1 The Ventura County Sheriff's Department and the Probation Department will continue to explore avenues of opportunity to create non-residential programs for youth at risk. Both the Sheriff and Probation Director are members of the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council which is responsible for setting priorities for youth intervention programs in the County. Budget reductions in F/Y 2002-03, both current and anticipated, have required the Sheriff to reduce or eliminate some existing programs.
- R-2 The Judicial System in conjunction with the Probation Department has the responsibility to determine appropriate rehabilitation programs if a young person has been formally charged with a violation of statute. Intervention programs can fall under the mission of both the Sheriff and Probation Departments. The Sheriff will continue to seek youth intervention grants under the limitations noted in R-1.
- R-3 Any rehabilitation program mandated by the Judicial System is overseen by the Probation Department. The Probation department would determine appropriate use of the Juvenile Justice Center for such a program. The Ventura County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Committee will also have an opportunity to review Grand Jury recommendations when determining grant funding priorities.
- R-4 Currently, deputies are encouraged to participate on a volunteer basis. After previous ventures with Cops N' Jocks, it has been determined sponsorship of the program is not appropriate at this time. The current program does not specifically target "at-risk" young people. Limited financial and budgetary resources do not allow for the implementation of unfunded intervention programs .
- R-5 Contract cities and school districts under the Sheriff's jurisdiction can determine what intervention programs are appropriate for their communities. The Sheriff will provide law enforcement participation as requested under the city contract.

The Sheriff's Department appreciates the constructive input relating to juvenile intervention and will continue to seek opportunities to provide funding for effective youth outreach programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Brooks', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

BOB BROOKS
Ventura County Sheriff