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Honorable Bruce A. **VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY**  
 Presiding Judge  
 Superior Court of California, Ventura County  
 Ventura County Hall of Justice  
 800 So. Victoria Avenue  
 Ventura, CA 93009

OFFICE OF THE  
PRESIDING JUDGE

Dear Judge Clark:

Re: Response to the 2003-04 Ventura County Grand Jury Report entitled  
*County Jail Inmate Health Care*

In accordance with California Penal Code section 933(c) this letter is a response to the findings and recommendations of the 2003-04 Ventura County Grand Jury's Report entitled *County Jail Inmate Health Care*. The following is my response.

Recommendation:

R-01: Currently the East Valley jail operates only from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. daily and has no medical staff because of budget constraints. Should the need arise to operate this facility again on a 24-hour basis, the contract between CFMG and the VCSO should be modified in order to provide the needed medical staff as found at the main jail and at the Todd Road jail.

Response to R-01:

We accept your recommendation that should the East County Jail reopen as a 24-hour booking operation that the medical contract should be modified to ensure the same State Title XV minimum medical standard as is maintained at the other detention facilities.

Deputy Sheriffs screen inmates before booking at the East County Jail with the knowledge and understanding that onsite medical care is not available. The standard for acceptance for these arrestees is elevated due to this fact. All

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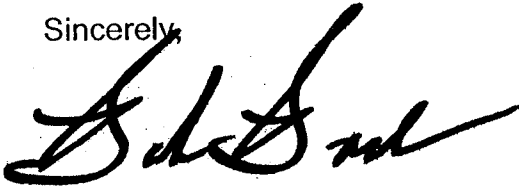
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arrestees with medical/psychological concerns are diverted from the East County Jail to the Pre Trial Facility where there are full-time medical staff and resources available.

We agree with the concept that adding full-time medical staff to the East County Jail would enhance our ability to provide the State minimum medical care in all our facilities and allow us to accept those inmates that would have been diverted to the Pre-Trial facility due to medical concerns. However, we have determined through evaluation, that it is not reasonable or cost-effective to do so considering the limited amount of inmates processed at that facility. It is more reasonable to exercise due caution and concern by diverting these arrestees to the PreTrial facility where these resources are available.

In conclusion, I thank the Grand Jury for its recommendation, and their ongoing constructive input relating to public safety issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Brooks', written in a cursive style.

BOB BROOKS  
Ventura County Sheriff