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Ronald J. Zenone, Foreman
Ventura County 2008-2009 Grand Jury
800 S. Victoria Avenue
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Last year the Grand Jury provided a final report entitled "Ventura County Detention Facilities: Conditions and Management". Within that report there was a recommendation that the Oxnard and Santa Paula Police Departments consider placing an AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) in our holding areas. At that time I indicated we would research this matter further before taking action.

Since that time we have taken several steps that included:

- 1) Attempted to locate funding for this device
- 2) Approached Ventura County Fire for a donation of their old AED when they upgraded to a newer model (no longer viable since the older devices required 40 hours of training and are missing parts)
- 3) Consulted with our own Fire Department as to response times and capabilities of providing advanced medical service in a timely manner
- 4) Ensured all police personnel are current in CPR training

As a result of this review we have determined it is not necessary to have AED units immediately available in the booking area. All police personnel are trained in CPR and could immediately apply this procedure in an emergency. Fire/Medical personnel have a response time of less than three minutes to our facility with a Fire Station being less than a block away.

I hope I have adequately responded to the Grand Jury's recommendation in this area. Feel free to call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen MacKinnon
Chief of Police

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