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Ventura County
Grand Jury

Andrew Ludlum
2017-2018 Ventura County Grand Jury Foreperson
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Annual Detention Report

Dear Foreperson Ludlum:

Attached you will find the Camarillo City Council's written response signed by Mayor Charlotte Craven, as requested by the Grand Jury, to the Findings and Recommendations in the subject report.

If additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at (805) 388-5307.

Sincerely,

David J. Norman
City Manager

cc: City Clerk
Police Commander

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Annual Detention Report

Report Date: May 16, 2018

Response by: Charlotte Craven & Camarillo City Council **Title:** Mayor & Council Members

CONCLUSION

C-17: The Grand Jury concluded the absence of PREA [Prison Rape Elimination Act] standards in the 10 city police departments' policy and procedure manuals exposes the cities to potential liability. (FA-51)

Response to C-17:

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is the contract law enforcement agency for the City of Camarillo. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office understands the seriousness of sexual assaults and sexual harassment in its detention facilities. It is important to note there is a substantial difference between a holding area where an inmate may spend several hours, and the jails which the Sheriff's Office operates. The majority of arrestees are held separately while in the Camarillo Police holding area. The Sheriff's Office immediately initiates and conducts a thorough investigation into any reported offense. Although they are not currently required to fully implement PREA, the Sheriff's Office Detention Services Division has a PREA policy that provides direction and serves as a resource for the entire agency should an incident occur in a holding area within its jurisdiction.

Further, Conclusion C-17 erroneously states that all 10 cities are exposed to potential liability for the absence of PREA standards. Such a conclusion might be drawn in the case where a city has its own police department. However, in the case of those cities that contract with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office (such as Camarillo), the Sheriff's Office indemnifies the City against such liability.

Date: July 11, 2018

Signed:



Charlotte Craven, Mayor
City of Camarillo

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