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The Honorable Michael J. Carrozzo
Superior Court of Santa Barbara County
Santa Barbara County Courthouse
1100 Anacapa Street
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RE: Response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report Entitled
"RAILROAD FATALITIES IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY"

Dear Presiding Judge Carrozzo:

Enclosed please find the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office response to the
2018-2019 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "*Railroad Fatalities
in Santa Barbara County*".

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

BILL BROWN
Sheriff – Coroner

Enclosure

Attachment C

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RESPONSE TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
GRAND JURY 2018-19 REPORT

RAILROAD FATALITIES IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 3: *There is a need for increased security presence to reduce trespassing within the High Fatality Zones, and in other communities this has been achieved through Memoranda of Understanding between Union Pacific Railroad and Local law enforcement.*

Response to Finding 3: **The Sheriff's Office partially agrees with this finding.**

We wholly agree that there is a need for an increased security presence on Union Pacific Railroad property to reduce trespassing within the described high fatality zones. However, while the presence of an MOU is a good starting point, absent the commitment of sufficient physical resources toward the enforcement of trespassing laws, the mere presence of an MOU will not markedly improve safety within the areas of concern. At present, the Sheriff's Office does not possess resources that can be regularly devoted to patrolling the Union Pacific Railroad property in question. Furthermore, the Sheriff's Office believes that Union Pacific Railroad and Cal-Trans need to work together and leverage environmental design in order to enhance community safety on their properties. This could include fencing and brush abatement that would discourage encampments throughout that corridor.

Recommendation 3: *That the Santa Barbara County Sheriff and City of Santa Barbara Police negotiate Memoranda of Understanding with Union Pacific Railroad to provide enhanced security within their respective High Fatality Zones.*

Response to Recommendation 3: **The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office previously implemented this recommendation.**

As of March 26th, 2019, the Sheriff's Office has obtained written permission from Union Pacific Railroad, giving us the authority to enter their property for the purpose of enforcing criminal trespass statutes. However, the current agreement between Union Pacific Railroad and the Sheriff's Office does not provide funding or other resources to the Sheriff's Office's for the purposes of enhancing our ability to enforce trespassing laws on Union Pacific Railroad property. Due to the Sheriff's Office's current patrol staffing levels, we have very limited ability to provide enhanced levels of service on Union Pacific Railroad property.