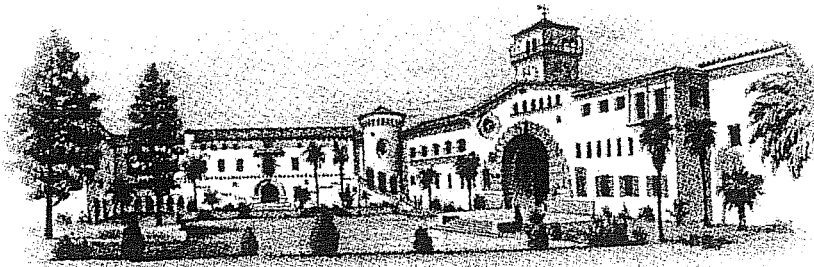


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**GRAND JURY  
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March 17, 2009

Michael F. Brown  
Clerk of the Board  
105 East Anapamu Street  
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ROUTE TO:  
2009 MAR 20 AM 9:38  
RETURN INSTRUCTIONS:  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Dear Mr. Brown:

Enclosed is the report of 2008-2009 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury entitled *Detention Facilities Report*, in which your department is named as an affected agency.

You are required to respond to each finding and recommendation contained in the report in the manner provided by California Penal Code 933.05(b): Within 90 days of the date of receipt of this report.

Your are required to send your responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and to the Grand Jury in the form and to the addressed indicated in this letter:

To the Superior Court: (Signed printed original response)

The Honorable Judge J. William McLafferty  
Superior Court  
1100 Anacapa Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
P.O. Box 21107  
Santa Barbara, CA 93121-1107

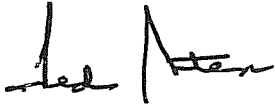
To the Grand Jury (Signed printed and computer file copy.) Computer copy on CD-ROM disk in MSWord or PDF format:

Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury  
Attention: Foreman  
1100 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

The report will be released to the public not less than two working days following the date of delivery of this report to you. The report is confidential until public release.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the above address.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Sten". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "S".

Ted Sten  
Foreman  
Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury

Enclosure

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
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The undersigned, under the penalty of perjury, does hereby certify that a copy of the report of the Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury,

**Detention Facilities Report**

Was delivered to 105 East Anapamu  
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Affected Agency: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Michael F. Brown

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Michael Olson  
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# DETENTION FACILITIES REPORT

## SUMMARY

The 2008-2009 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury (Jury) conducted inspections of each detention facility pursuant to *California Penal Code Section 919(b)*, which requires the Civil Grand Jury to inquire into the condition and management of the "public prisons" within the County. While overcrowding is currently an issue at the Santa Barbara County Main Jail, steps are being taken by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to construct a North County facility to address that issue.

## BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

In accordance with *California Penal Code 919(b)*, the 2008-2009 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury is required to inspect all detention facilities within Santa Barbara County annually. The Jury inspected each of the facilities listed below with teams of not fewer than two jurors. The Jury interviewed deputies, police officials, on-site staff and reviewed documents and procedures.

Representatives from oversight agencies such as the State Board of Corrections, the State Fire Marshal, and State and County health inspectors continually monitor these facilities. The Jury's inspection and review included:

- Physical layout of the institutions
- Health services
- Visiting privileges
- Meals and nutrition
- Educational and vocational opportunities
- In-house monitoring systems
- Transportation

## OBSERVATIONS AND ANALYSIS

### Sheriff's Facilities

- Aviation Bureau, Santa Ynez
- Coroner Bureau, Santa Barbara
- Court holding facility, Lompoc
- Court holding facility, Santa Barbara
- Court holding facility, Santa Maria
- Jail, Santa Maria
- Main Jail, Santa Barbara
- Sub-station, Safety Center, Lompoc

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- Sub-station, Safety Center, Lompoc
- Sub-station, Cuyama Valley
- Sub-station, Isla Vista
- Sub-station, Solvang

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department maintains the largest and most populated detention facility in the County. Arrestees sentenced to one year or less and those awaiting trial, are housed at the Sheriff's Main Jail (Main Jail). The Sheriff's sub-stations act as holding facilities primarily for those waiting to be transferred to the Main Jail or for court appearances.

Jail overcrowding results in:

- increased medical costs
- increased assaults
- increased operational costs
- accelerated deterioration of facilities

The Sheriff's Department continues to try different solutions to mitigate overcrowding (e.g., early release for sentenced inmates, the electronic monitoring program and expanded citation release criteria). With the construction of a new North County jail and the recently approved funding for expansion of the Sheriff's Technical Services facility in Santa Barbara, many of these problems will be alleviated.

The Jury found the Main Jail and sub-station personnel operate and manage the facilities in a professional manner.

### **Municipal Facilities**

The Jury inspected the holding facilities located in:

- Carpinteria
- Lompoc
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Maria
- Solvang

The Jury found no deficiencies in the operation and management of the holding facilities.

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- Susan J.Gionfriddo Juvenile Justice Center, Santa Maria
- Los Prietos Boys Camp and Academy, Los Padres National Forest

Members of the Jury commend the staff for their dedication and commitment to the juveniles in their charge.

## **FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Finding 1:**

Overcrowding at the Santa Barbara County Main Jail continues to have negative impacts on jail operations.

### **Recommendation 1:**

That the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors implement appropriate financial measures in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 to allow construction of the North County Jail.

## **REQUEST FOR RESPONSE**

In accordance with *California Penal Code Section 933.05*, each agency and government body affected by or named in this report is requested to respond in writing to the findings and recommendations in a timely manner. The following are the affected agencies for this report, with the mandated response period for each.

### **Santa Barbara County Sheriff – 60 days**

Finding 1

### **Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors – 90 days**

Finding 1

Recommendation 1