

Response to Grand Jury Report –
Inmates Released during Late-Night Hours

County of Santa Barbara

Board of Supervisors

April 9, 2014

Grand Jury Report Summary

- Average of nine inmates releases occur between 11 PM and 6 AM
- Policy states the person may remain in the lobby until daylight if without transportation
- Bus vouchers available; but no buses until AM
- Taxi is possible; continued funding is unknown
- No requirement to document if individuals are informed or offered options listed above

Finding and Suggested Response

Finding #3: *Orange County, California has a faith-based program named “Lights On,” that offers newly released inmates coffee, snacks, bus schedules, Alcoholics Anonymous fliers, and free use of a cell phone.*

Suggested Board Response:

The Board agrees with the finding.

Recommendation 2 & Suggested Response

Recommendation #2: *That Santa Barbara County encourages the establishment of a community-based program similar to “Lights On” in Orange County, California.*

Suggested Board Response:

This recommendation has not been Implemented, but will be in the future.

Encourages Sheriff’s Office to provide services comparable to Orange County’s “Lights On”

Recommended Actions

- Consider and adopt responses
- Authorize Chair to sign response to Presiding Judge