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Ms. Maria Millsaps  
2015-2016 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury  
Grand Jury Chambers  
Santa Barbara County Courthouse  
1100 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, California 93101

RE: Response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report Entitled  
"Detention Facilities Report"

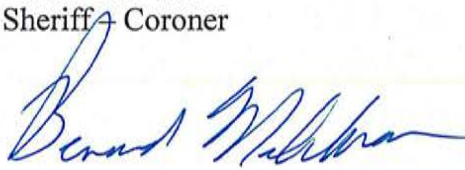
Dear Ms. Millsaps:

Enclosed please find the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office response to Findings 1 and 3, Recommendations 1 and 3, of the 2015-2016 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report entitled "Detention Facilities Report".

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

Sincerely,

**BILL BROWN**  
Sheriff - Coroner



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Enclosure

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RESPONSE TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
GRAND JURY 2015-15 REPORT

**“DETENTION FACILITIES REPORT”**

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

***Finding 1:*** The drug drop box at the Santa Maria Sheriff's Substation was not properly maintained.

***Recommendation 1:*** That the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's staff regularly monitor and maintain the new drug drop off boxes throughout the County.

**Response to Finding 1:** The Sheriff's Office agrees with this recommendation. The new drug drop off boxes are each located at Sheriff substations, overseen by a Sheriff's Lieutenant. Each Lieutenant has established directives for the emptying and servicing of their boxes.

***Finding 3:*** The Lompoc Court Holding Facility does not have recording capability on its video surveillance system.

***Recommendation 3:*** That the Santa Barbara County Sheriff obtain and install video recording equipment in the Lompoc Court Holding Facility.

**Response to Finding 3:** The Sheriff's Office does not agree with this recommendation. All court holding facilities are part of the court complex which is owned by the State of California. Installation of any equipment within their facilities must first be approved by the State of California.

While this request singles out the Lompoc Court Holding Facility, it ought to be noted that none of the Court Holding Facilities within the county have video surveillance systems. The Sheriff's Office had recently requested video equipment be installed at the Santa Maria Court Holding Facility after a Custody Deputy had been assaulted. The state declined the installation request.