

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Executive Office

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
September 4, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Response to the Grand Jury Report: Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Corrections Division

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1) Direct the Clerk of the Board to immediately forward the attached response to the Grand Jury, to the Presiding Judge, and the County Clerk-Recorder (for mandatory filing with the State).

**BACKGROUND:** On July 17, 2007, the Board directed staff to prepare a draft of the Board's response to the Grand Jury's report regarding the Riverside County Sheriff's Department - Corrections Division.

Section 933 (c) of the Penal Code requires that the Board of Supervisors comment on the Grand Jury's recommendations pertaining to the matters under the control of the Board, and that a response be provided to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court within 90 days. The attached response has been submitted by the Sheriff, an independently elected official, as the Grand Jury's recommendations specifically address issues related to the Sheriff's Department Corrections Division. The Executive Office concurs with the Sheriff's response. The Sheriff's Department will provide cost estimates for obtaining and installing Digital Video Recorders (DVR's). The Sheriff's Department and Executive Office will work together to address any budget impacts during the quarterly reports.

*Gary Christmas*  
Gary Christmas  
Deputy County Executive Officer

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| <b>FINANCIAL DATA</b> | Current F.Y. Total Cost:      | \$ N/A | In Current Year Budget: |
|                       | Current F.Y. Net County Cost: | \$     | Budget Adjustment:      |
|                       | Annual Net County Cost:       | \$     | For Fiscal Year:        |

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| <b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> | Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                         | Requires 4/5 Vote                | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE  
BY: *Kenneth M. Mohr*  
Kenneth M. Mohr  
**County Executive Office Signature**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Wilson and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: Stone  
Date: September 4, 2007  
xc: E.O., Grand Jury, Presiding Judge, Sheriff, Co. Clk.

Nancy Romero  
Clerk of the Board  
*Nancy Romero*  
Deputy

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Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.2 - 07/17/07 | District: | Agenda Number:

Dept Recomm.:  Consent  Policy   
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

Departmental Concurrence

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**Superior Court of California**  
**County of Riverside**

5 In the matter of, ) Case No.: 2006-07 Grand Jury Report  
6 2006-07 Grand Jury Report ) Riverside County Sheriff's Department  
7 ) Corrections Division  
8 Riverside County Sheriff's Department, )  
9 Respondent, )

To the presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
**Response to Grand Jury Report**

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11 Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933 et. seq., this shall serve as the official  
12 response by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to the Grand Jury Report entitled "2006-  
13 2007 Grand Jury Report: Riverside County Sheriff's Department Corrections Division"  
14 transmitted June 25, 2007. The subject matter of the report focused on the need for Digital Video  
15 Recorders (DVR) at specified locations in the five jail facilities within the Riverside County  
16 Sheriff's Department. The responses contained herein are limited to those of the Riverside  
17 County Sheriff's Department and are not intended, by implication or otherwise, to be a response  
18 by the County of Riverside.

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**Grand Jury Finding #1**

20 Due to overcrowding and a shortage of deputies, it is important to use whatever  
21 technology is available to maintain appropriate supervision.

22 Inmate complaints of inappropriate treatment by correctional staff, as well as the  
23 identification of areas not covered by surveillance cameras, have demonstrated the need for  
24 additional cameras, especially DVR cameras.

25 The following outlines specific locations at each county correctional facility where the  
addition of cameras are needed to protect deputies and inmates, as well as protecting Riverside  
County from liability and lawsuits.

1. Southwest Detention Center:  
The transportation area and C, D, E, and F Pods, do not have cameras.
2. Blythe Jail Facility:

1 This facility has an area known as Holding Tank A. This area is currently housing 54  
2 inmates and approximately 2/3 of the area is not observable from the entrance.

3 3. Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility, Banning:

4 The laundry, kitchen and perimeter fences do not have coverage with cameras.

5 4. Indio Jail Facility:

6 There are areas in the jail that have cameras but are not covered by DVR. These  
7 include: the kitchen, several cell block locations and some corridors.

8 5. Robert Presley Detention Center, Riverside:

9 The kitchen, dayroom, and transportation areas do not have sufficient camera  
10 coverage.

11 **Riverside County Sheriff's Department**

12 **Response to Grand Jury Finding #1:**

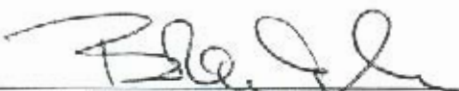
13 The Respondent agrees with this finding.

14 **Riverside County Sheriff's Department**

15 **Response to Grand Jury Recommendation #1:**

16 The Respondent concurs with this recommendation. The Riverside County Sheriff's  
17 Department agrees that installing DVRs in specified locations would improve the safety of the  
18 inmates and employees and that they should be installed as soon as the budgetary authorization is  
19 received.

20 Submitted this 30 day of July, 2007

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23 Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY

BOB DOYLE, SHERIFF



*Sheriff*

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July 30, 2007

Honorable Richard Fields  
Presiding Judge  
Riverside County Superior Court  
4050 Main Street  
P.O. Box 431  
Riverside, CA 92501

SENT VIA U.S. MAIL

**Reference:** Response to 2006-2007 Grand Jury Report: Riverside County Sheriff's Department Corrections Division

Dear Judge Fields:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933 et. seq. please find enclosed the response of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to the above entitled Grand Jury Report. As always, please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this or any other matter. I may be reached at (951) 955-9612.

Sincerely,

BOB DOYLE, SHERIFF-CORONER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Throne".

Randy Throne, Chief Deputy  
Professional Standards Division

cc: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Riverside

Mr. Gary Christmas  
Deputy County Executive Officer