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COUNTY OF SUTTER  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
BY LAURA SANTANA Deputy

**GRAND JURY RESPONSE AS REQUIRED BY PENAL CODE SECTION  
933.05**

On behalf of the dedicated members of the Yuba City Police Department, I would like to thank the members of the 2007/2008 Grand Jury for the kind comments they enumerated about the agency. This response is meant to act as an addendum to that submitted by Mr. Steve Jepsen, City Manager for the City of Yuba City.

1. **CURRENT FACILITY EXPANSION AND FUTURE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES:** While the City is in current negotiations with adjacent property owners for land purchase related to a future major expansion of the Police Facility, the possible purchase of land in the vicinity would not automatically result in immediate major construction. Such land purchase would put us in a favorable position for expansion when adequate funding becomes available to sustain ongoing debt service for such contraction.
2. **CORRECTION IN STAFFING FIGURES:** The report indicates five (5) police sergeants and two (2) police lieutenants assigned to the agency. The correct numbers are eight (8) police sergeants and three (3) police lieutenants.
3. **MORE EMPHASIS NEEDS TO BE PLACED ON GANG ENHANCEMENT IN PROSECUTION:** This was in fact a topic of conversation I had with the members of the criminal justice sub-committee. I was somewhat concerned about what I perceived as a lack of emphasis on such a focus. Since my conversation with the Grand Jury members, I have had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Adams and Mr. Schroeder of the District Attorney's Office regarding my concerns. After a lengthy meeting, I came to understand their prosecutorial strategy on such gang issues. While I do believe we

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should pursue gang members with credible and stiff penalties, I should have taken the time to discuss at length the dynamics being experienced by the DA's staff. I came away from my meeting with a better understanding of the case flow being experienced by the DA's staff and their strong commitment to gang prosecution.

4. **SWAT AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:** The Yuba City Metro SWAT Team has jurisdictional responsibility in Yuba City, Marysville, Wheatland, unincorporated Yuba County and Beale AFB. We do not provide service to unincorporated Sutter County as they have their own Special Response Team.
5. **CURRENT CONSTRUCTION OF A SEPARATE FACILITY ON OUR CURRENT SITE:** This comment is incorrect. The current construction provides for minimal facility enlargement with wing additions and internal open-space utilization for office space.
6. **REGIONAL GANG ENFORCEMENT UNIT MODELED IN MUCH THE SAME MANNER AS NET 5:** All regional, and some federal, law enforcement agencies currently participate in the Yuba Sutter Anti-Gang Enforcement Task Force, coordinated through the Yuba City Police Department. A recommendation was made to create a fulltime regional Gang Task Force. This is a worthwhile goal; however, it should be noted our current regional cooperative is used as a State model for jurisdictions of moderate size such as those within our areas of responsibility. Generally, when fulltime regional approaches are undertaken (like NET 5) the local agencies have already established the minimum internal capabilities to address local jurisdictional levels, then seek additional resources to staff and fund fulltime regional efforts.

Again, I would like to thank the members of the Grand Jury for the sharing of their time and talents to make Sutter County a better area in which to live.



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