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**TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY
2003-2004**

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT**

TRINITY COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY

**This report was approved
on May 10, 2004**

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PURPOSE:

Penal code section 919(b) mandates that the Grand Jury will annually inquire into the conditions and management of all public prisons within the county, including juvenile detention facilities.

BACKGROUND:

Construction of the Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) was completed in June 2001. The facility is new, modern, fully staffed and operational. It is operated under the direction of the Trinity County Probation Department and houses up to 24 in-county and out of county juvenile detainees.

The inmate population was 5 on November 4, 2003, the day the Grand Jury Judicial Committee visited the JDF.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION:

All of the members of the Grand Jury Judicial Committee met with Mr. Terry Lee, Chief Probation Officer, and members of his staff, and toured the Juvenile Detention Facility on November 4, 2003. Prior to the inquiry and during the meeting, the JDF Policy and Procedure Manual and previous inspection reports were made available to the Judicial Committee for review.

Using Board of Corrections procedures for Minors in Title 15 facilities, the members of the Judicial Committee toured every room within the detention facility; discussed routine and significant activities with staff and interviewed 1 male and 1 female post-sentence inmate. Neither inmate indicated any substantial complaint concerning conditions within nor operation of the facility.

FINDING #1:

Inmate Telephone System - The only significant concern or complaint expressed by anyone, and it was shared by both the staff and inmates, was the reliability and impact of the inmate telephone system. Because the telephone contract has passed through three different companies since being issued, acquiring maintenance or repair for the system has become slow and cumbersome. The impact of the high cost of use routinely results in inmates losing telephonic contact with their families. The system in use in the JDF is under the same contract as the system used in the Trinity County Jail.

RECOMMENDATION #1:

A new Inmate Telephone System contract is currently under preparation, this contract needs to ensure that inmate costs are held to a reasonable level and the revenue from the contract must be separate for the JDF from the Trinity County Jail revenues and be subject to regular audits.

FINDING #2:

The Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility is the newest, cleanest and best run of this type facility that any member of the Grand Jury Judicial Committee has ever witnessed.

RECOMMENDATION #2:

The management and staff of the JDF should all be commended for the professional and caring accomplishment of their duties.

CONCLUSION:

This facility and those who operate it provide a much needed service and are a credit to our county.

RESPONSES REQUIRED:

<u>ENTITY</u>	<u>FINDING</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>RESPOND IN</u>
TRINITY COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER	1	1	60 Days
TRINITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	1, 2	1, 2	90 Days
TRINITY COUNTY CAO	(Implementation of recommendations)		60 Days



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TERRY LEE, Chief Probation Officer

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2004

TO: Honorable Anthony Edwards, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

FROM: Terry Lee, Chief Probation Officer

RE: 2003-2004 Trinity County Grand Jury Report "*Judicial Committee*"

I would like to express my thanks to the members of the Grand Jury who inspected the Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility. The work was thoughtful, insightful in nature and provided valuable insight to myself and my staff.

Finding #1: I agree with the Grand Jury's finding and have already initiated a new contract with a different phone provider. This system will provide greater security, affordability and control to both staff and minors. Additionally, this system will provide the opportunity for prepaid phone cards to be purchased so families without a hard line phone can receive calls to a cell phone.

Cc: Kelly Frost, Deputy Clerk of the Board



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To: The Honorable Anthony Edwards
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

From: Trinity County Board of Supervisors

CC: Kelly Frost, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Subject: Response to Recommendations of 2003-2004
Grand Jury Judicial Committee Report
Re: Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility

Date: September 1, 2004

The Grand Jury Judicial Committee has requested a written response regarding implementation of recommendations in their final report on the Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Finding #1: Inmate Telephone System –

Recommendation #1: The system is the same as under the Trinity County Jail and has very recently been upgraded and is working well at this time.

Finding #2: The Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility is the newest, cleanest and best run of this type facility that any member of the Grand Jury Judicial Committee has ever witnesses.

Recommendation #2: The facility and the staff are to be commended for their excellent ability to maintain a facility with such dedicated staff and is a model to be followed throughout the state.