

SONOMA COUNTY

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Robert M. Ochs
Chief Probation Officer



August 20, 2013

Approved: _____
Superior Court Judge 2013

Date: _____

Honorable Rene Auguste Chouteau (Sent via-email & hand-delivered)
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Hall of Justice
600 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Ernie Loveless, Foreperson (Sent via-email & mail)
Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury
P.O. Box 5109
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF SONOMA
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Re: Sonoma County Detention Facilities Inspection

Dear Honorable Judge Chouteau and Ernie Loveless, Foreperson:

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05, the following is the Probation Department's response to the Findings and Recommendations presented in the Civil Grand Jury's Final Report 2012-2013.

Finding 6: The choice of library books at the JJC is limited.

We disagree with this finding. The Juvenile Hall library contains approximately 8,000 books from which youth can choose. The library cycles out books that are not selected for reading, and continually adds current literature appropriate and/or popular for youth.

Finding 7: The JJC process for requesting a book requires knowledge of the book's title or author.

We disagree with this finding. The Juvenile Hall process does not require knowledge of a book's title or author. A book request sheet is posted on the unit for those who know the title or author. In addition, a library volunteer visits each unit weekly and takes requests from the residents. When the resident does not know any titles or authors, the library volunteer explores with the youth what kind of book he/she would be interested in (mystery, fantasy, romance, etc.) and attempts to find something to match his/her interests.

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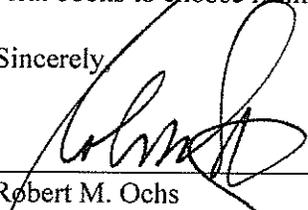
Recommendation 5: Book donations to the JJC be encouraged.

This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. As indicated above, the Juvenile Hall currently has many thousands of books, and receives ample book donations through solicitations from the volunteer librarians, the Juvenile Justice Commission, and spontaneous donations from the public.

Recommendation 6: The method of requesting books at the Juvenile Hall be modified to include the ability to request a genre.

This recommendation has been implemented, as it has already been the practice. As stated above, the Juvenile Hall has several mechanisms to obtain books from its library. Youth are able to express interest in a particular genre in order to obtain several books to choose from on the units.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Ochs
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Sonoma County Probation Department

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