



ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SHERIFF-CORONER DON BARNES

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

July 15, 2019

Honorable Kirk Nakamura
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: Response to 2018-19 Orange County Grand Jury report, *"The Silent Killer" Hypertension in Orange County's Intake and Release Center*

Dear Judge Nakamura:

In accordance with Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, enclosed please find the response to the 2018-19 Orange County Grand Jury report, *"The Silent Killer" Hypertension in Orange County's Intake and Release Center*.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Barnes".

Don Barnes
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Grand Jury Foreperson
Members, Orange County Board of Supervisors
Frank Kim, County Executive Officer

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FINDING

F.9.

The current physical configuration at IRC is not conducive to conducting health screenings.

Response: *Agrees with finding.*

On March 27, 2019 the Sheriff announced an initiative to increase custody mental health services. Among the components of the plan is the remodel of the medical/mental health screening area.

RECOMMENDATION:

R.6.

By December 31, 2019, OCSD should reconfigure the health screening area at IRC to allow for more privacy, increased safety for the nurses conducting the screening and improved access to the inmates.

Response: *This recommendation is being implemented.*

On March 27, 2019 the Sheriff announced an initiative to increase custody mental health services. Among the components of the plan is the remodel of the medical/mental health screening area. Four interview cubicles will be constructed to provide confidentiality during screenings, increase the number of inmate who can be screened at one time, and decrease the wait time for new bookings. Construction of this project is funded and scheduled to begin by December 31, 2019.