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The Honorable Frederick Horn  
Presiding Judge  
Orange County Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Subject: Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Tobacco Settlement  
Revenue in Orange County, June, 2004"

Dear Judge Horn:

Per your request and in accordance with California Penal Code §933 and §933.05,  
enclosed please find my response to the FY 03-04 Grand Jury Report. If you have any  
questions, please contact Assistant Sheriff Kim Markuson at 647-1815.

Respectfully,

  
Michael S. Carona  
Sheriff-Coroner

C: Tom Staple, Grand Jury Foreman  
Jim Ruth, County Executive Officer

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**DRUG USE  
IS  
LIFE ABUSE**

**Response to the Grand Jury  
“Tobacco Settlement Revenue”  
Final Report 2003 – 2004**



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## **Tobacco Settlement Revenue in Orange County**

The purpose of this study was to identify the impact of the Tobacco Settlement Fund and determine if it is being used properly and efficiently. Following the Nationwide Tobacco Litigation Settlement in 2000, Orange County began receiving approximately \$35 million annually as its share of the settlement. With the passage of Measure H, the allocation of the fund has been divided among six different categories that include medical needs of seniors, indigents, public safety, and prevention and treatment of substance abuse and mental illness. The conclusion is that the many programs administered by the Health Care Agency and the construction program administered by the

### **FINDINGS**

Under California Penal Code §933 and §933.05, responses are required to all findings. The 2003-2004 Orange County Grand Jury arrived at the following findings. Beneath each is the Sheriff's Department response to that finding:

**Grand Jury Finding #2:** The construction of the new drug-rehabilitation module at the Theo Lacy Facility has been aided by TSR funds.

**Sheriff's Response:** The Sheriff-Coroner concurs with the Grand Jury 's finding.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In accordance with California Penal Code §933 and §933.05, each recommendation requires must be responded to by the government entity to which it is addressed. These responses are to be submitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. Based on the findings, the 2003-2004 Orange County Grand Jury recommends that:

**Grand Jury Recommendation #2** - The Sheriff-Coroner complete the construction of the new drug-rehabilitation module at the Theo Lacy Jail, aided by TSR funds, and apply TSR funds for the operation of the new facility.

**Sheriff's Response:** The recommendation has been implemented.

The Sheriff has committed a portion of their TSR to fund the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation program at Theo Lacy. The remainder of available TSR revenue will pay back the cash advances for Theo Lacy Bldg B construction until such time as they are repaid. Thereafter, the Department will consider using these funds to support Sheriff's operations costs at Theo Lacy.