

Thomas G. Mauk County Executive Officer March 18, 2008

Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92702

Subject:

Status Update on Open Grand Jury Implementation Items

Dear Judge Stock:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 933, enclosed please find the County of Orange response to the subject report as approved by the Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Stanberry at (714) 834-3727 in the County Executive Office who will either assist you or direct you to the appropriate individual.

Very truly yours,

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An In-Custody Death Reviewed

Released:

April 30, 2007

R-5 Planning: Medical emergency pre-planning and drills with appropriate personnel should occur on a regular basis, especially when new staff is working in the jail.

Original Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

Current Status: The recommendation has been implemented.

Health Care Agency (HCA) continues to conduct emergency response drills at both the Central Jail Complex and Theo Lacy with a total of 42 staff participating (as of 2/1/08) in various drill scenarios including patients who are unconscious and/or experiencing seizures. Additionally, Correctional Medical Services (CMS) will be participating in a large-scale riot drill the Sheriff's Department is planning for the spring of 2008. As part of the planning process, CMS is forming small workgroups to prepare for this drill as well as future joint trainings with the Sheriff's Department.

When new Correctional Medical Services clinical employees are hired, their Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) certification is verified and they are oriented to the Emergency Medical Response policy and procedure, which includes a review of emergency response equipment.