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The Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock  
Presiding Judge  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report: "Emergency Medical Care of Inmates  
by OCSD in Holding Cell Facilities"

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

Pursuant to California Penal Code §933 and §933.05, I am submitting to you my response to the Orange County Grand Jury 2005-2006 Report entitled, "Emergency Medical Care of Inmates by OCSD in Holding Cell Facilities."

It appears that this response was not sent to your office. I apologize for any delay and confusion that may have resulted from this oversight.

I would like to thank the members of the Grand Jury for their services to the residents of Orange County. Their efforts help improve the quality of life and conditions in the County of Orange, and are an outstanding example of the significant effect volunteerism has on the residents of our county.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (714) 647-1804.

Respectfully,

Steve Bishop  
Assistant Sheriff

Cc: Joe Penn, Grand Jury Foreperson

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## **Finding 6.1 of the Orange County Grand Jury report on Emergency Medical Care of Inmates by OCSD in Holding Cell Facilities**

### **Finding 6.1:**

**Holding cell emergency medical care response:** Based on Grand Jury observation and review of Orange County Sheriff's Department information, deputy sheriffs appeared trained, experienced, and dedicated to providing timely and reasonable emergency medical responses for inmates in the Justice Center holding cell facilities.

### **Response:**

The Orange County Sheriff-Coroner agrees with this finding. The Orange County Sheriff's Department is committed to providing the best possible emergency medical response and immediate care in the holding cells at all Justice Centers. The department has been proactive in providing for not only mandated training in C.P.R. and First Aid, but has moved forward with instituting the placement of Automatic Electronic Defibrillators at all Justice Centers, including placement of such equipment in holding cell guard station areas and training for assigned personnel.

Personnel will continue to be trained in appropriate emergency medical care methods, and will work closely with local emergency medical responders to ensure an adequate and timely response to all medical emergencies in Justice Center holding cell facilities.

## **Recommendation 7.1 of the Orange County Grand Jury report on Emergency Medical Care of Inmates by OCSD in Holding Cell Facilities**

### **Recommendation 7.1**

**Continue holding cell emergency medical care practices:** Because reasonable practices, procedures and training are in place, the OCSD should continue to maintain and sustain this performance level when dealing with emergency medical care for inmates. (Finding 6.1.)

### **Response:**

The Orange County Sheriff-Coroner agrees with this recommendation. Deputy Sheriffs and Sheriff's Special Officers are dedicated emergency services responders who are typically some of the first to arrive on the scene wherever medical care is required, and even more so in custodial situations such as within jail or court holding cell environments. It remains the mission of the Orange County Sheriff's Department to provide for responsible, practical and immediate response to medical care emergencies, and to ensure that all personnel are properly trained and equipped to provide for a high standard of immediate emergency care in any situation.