
**NEVADA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



KEITH ROYAL
SHERIFF/CORONER
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

April 5, 2018

The Honorable Thomas M. Anderson
Presiding Judge of the Grand Jury
201 Church Street
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: Response to Grand Jury Report on the subject of A Sally Port is Needed at the Truckee Branch of the Nevada County Superior Court

Dear Honorable Judge Anderson:

In response to the Grand Jury Report dated February 5, 2018 regarding a Sally Port at the Truckee Branch of the Nevada County Superior Court.

FINDINGS:

1. The sally port at the Truckee Jail increases safety for the public during the transfer of prisoners from secure vehicles into the secure jail.

Agree

2. The absence of a sally port at the Truckee Courthouse increases the risk to the public, law enforcement, and the prisoners at this location during the transfer of prisoners from secure vehicles into the secure courthouse.

Agree

3. The absence of a sally port at the Truckee Courthouse, in immediate proximity to a public parking area, County offices, and the Truckee Library, creates an increased risk to the public, law enforcement, and the prisoners at this location.

Agree

4. The addition of a sally port to the prisoner entrance at the Truckee Courthouse would increase safety for the public, prisoners, and citizens of Truckee.

Agree

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Nevada County Sheriff's Office should request funding from Nevada County Board of Supervisors to install a sally port at the Truckee Court House.

The recommendation requires further analysis. The Sheriff's Office is currently conducting a cost analysis for the design and construction of a sally port at the Truckee courthouse that would allow the transfer of prisoners from a secured transport vehicle into the courthouse. The Sheriff's Office will report their findings to the County Executive Office no later than July 1, 2018. Recommendations of the County Executive Office will be considered prior to requesting funding from the Board of Supervisors. The Sheriff's Office proposed budget has already been submitted for Fiscal Year 18/19 and does not include funding for a sally port at the Truckee Courthouse. It is unlikely that this project would be considered prior to Fiscal Year 19/20.

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the members of the 2017-2018 Grand Jury for their participation and effort in preparing their reports. We are committed to providing the highest level of safety and security to our employees, the public, and inmates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Royal', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Keith Royal
Sheriff-Coroner