

NEVADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S SUBSTATION, TRUCKEE

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION

California Penal Code Section 919(b) requires the Civil Grand Jury to annually inspect all detention facilities within the county.

PROCEDURE FOLLOWED

The Grand Jury inspected the substation on July 27, 2000 and made a follow-up visit on August 4, 2000. The following were interviewed:

Sheriff
Facility Commander
Truckee Town Manager
Truckee Fire Protection District Chief

FINDINGS

1. The substation has an 11-inmate capacity and currently employs five correctional officers; four females and one male. When no female officer is on duty, female inmates are transported to the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility in Nevada City.
2. The facility was clean, with fresh paint and new lighting in the cell area.
3. The substation is a test site for a new computer system designed to combine record management, dispatch and the jail booking system.
4. The county employs six civilian dispatchers; three computer workstations are now available for their use.
5. Wheelchair access has been provided at the entrance to the facility and an area near the evidence storage lockers has been improved to provide better access.
6. The facility commander has requested current fire safety inspection. A California State Fire Marshall inspected the facility on September 29, 2000. The facility received an A+ grade on the Fire Life Safety Inspection Report.
7. The town of Truckee has a contract with the Nevada County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement services. The contract may be canceled with a one year notice which was given to the Sheriff on September 1, 2000. Truckee intends to establish its own police department by September 1, 2001.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Improvements at the substation provide increased protection for inmates.
2. The additional computer workstations will allow personnel to better handle emergency situations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

None

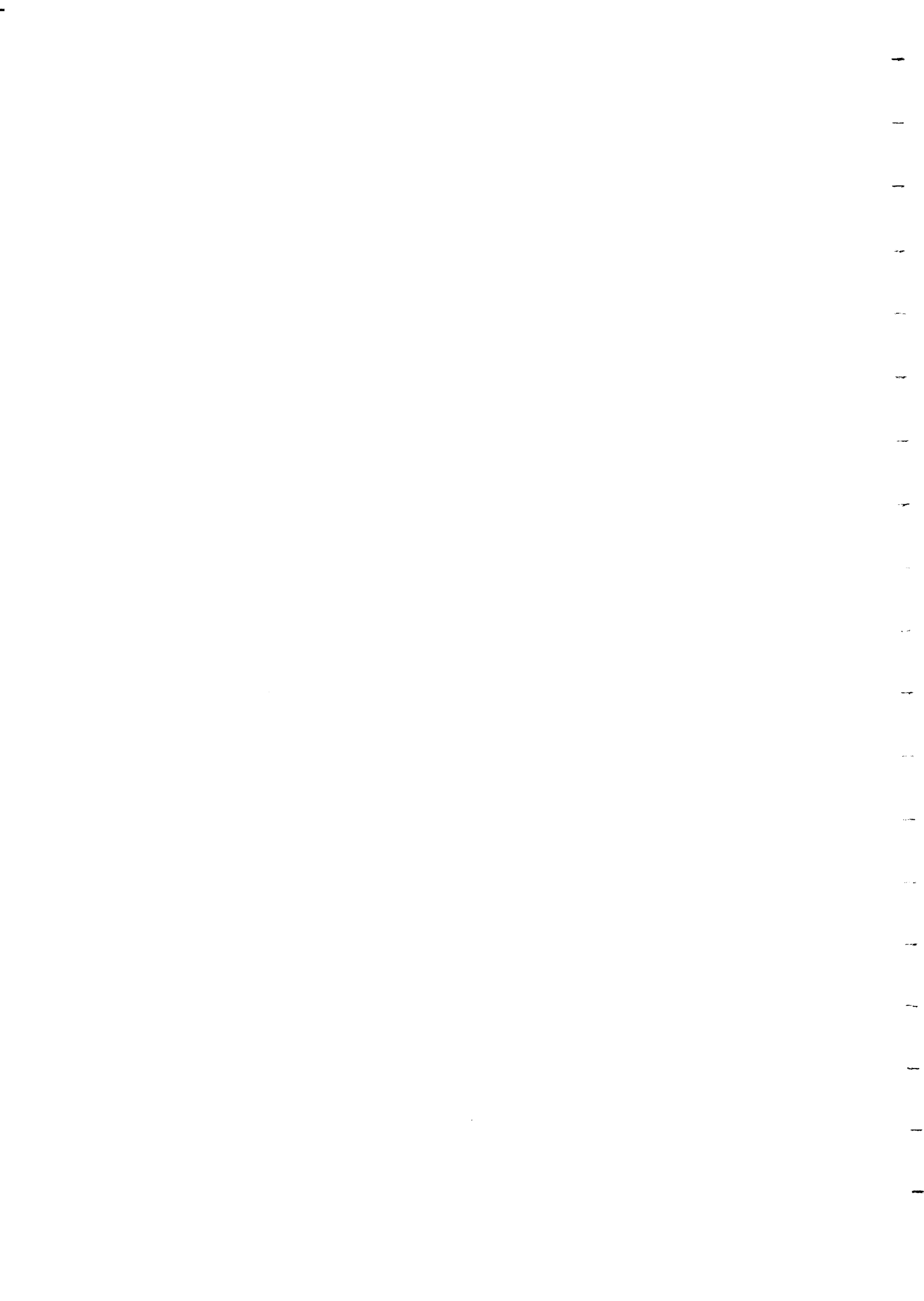
REQUIRED RESPONSES

Sheriff Keith Royal, Due January 10, 2001

PUBLICATION DATE

November 10, 2000

RESPONSES



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**KEITH ROYAL
SHERIFF/CORONER**

January 2, 2001

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Honorable Carl F. Bryan, Presiding Judge
Superior Courts of Nevada County
301 Church Street
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT (November 7, 2000)

Dear Honorable Carl F. Bryan:

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RESPONSE TO CONCLUSION #2

The Sheriff agrees with this conclusion. A recent upgrade of the 911 system in the Truckee Station has been completed with the installation of state-of-the-art equipment. This installation increased the number of workstations from one to three, thus allowing staff to manage multiple events at one time. The addition of the third workstation allows for monitoring by the dispatch manager of any and all situations.

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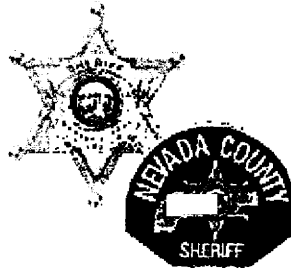
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Keith Royal, Sheriff

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February 20, 2001

*To: Followup. Com.
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David Janison, Foreman
Nevada County Grand Jury
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT (November 7, 2000)

Dear Mr. Janison:

Thank you for your letter dated February 20, 2001, clarifying the format I should use in my correspondence in responding to issues raised by the Grand Jury. I apologize for failing to include my responses to the "findings," and as such, have incorporated those changes in my letter response.

RESPONSE TO FINDINGS 1-7

The Sheriff agrees with the findings.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

No recommendations were made by the Grand Jury at this time.

Should you have additional questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 265-1384.

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