

To: The Honorable Anthony C. Edwards Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
From: Sheriff Lorrac Craig
Subject: Response to Recommendations of 2004-2005
Grand Jury Judicial Conunittee Final Report
Date: September 6, 2005

The Grand Jury Judicial Committee has requested a written response to their final report on the Trinity County Detention Facility. In my capacity as Sheriff, my responses are as follows:

Finding #1: Mail service

Response: Agree

Recommendation #1: Implemented

New officers working in the jail will receive training in rules regarding the inspection of inmate mail with emphasis on confidential mail.

Finding #2: Medication complaints

Response: Agree with reservation

Recommendation #2: To be implemented over time

Inmates are generally informed by medical staff about the use of generic medications. Including a statement to that effect will be added to the next printing of the inmate handbook. The responsibility of the quantity of meds on band is the responsibility of the medical staff. Every effort is made to insure that an inmate does not run out of meds.

Finding #3: Inmate phone system

Response: No response requested

Finding #4: Inmate housing cleanliness

Response: No response requested

Finding#5: Facility repairs

Response: Agree

Recommendation #5: Implemented

General Services has been notified about necessary repairs to the jail facility. Those requests have been listed as capital assets and they are awaiting finding. Reminders are sent on a regular basis.

Conclusion: School trained staff continues to be a problem as Deputies are working in the jail and they receive minimal training in their academy. Their training is acquired as a function of on-the-job training. Inmate care is still a primary consideration of this Department. My thanks to the Judicial Committee for their time and interest in the operation of the Sheriffs detention facility. Their insight and recommendations are greatly appreciated.

TO: The Honorable Anthony C. Edwards, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
FROM: Trinity County Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: Response to Recommendations of 2004-2005 Grand Jury Judicial Committee Final Report
DATE: September 20, 2005

The Grand Jury Judicial Committee has requested a written response to their final report on the Trinity County Detention Facility. The Trinity County Board of Supervisors response is as follows:

Finding #1: Mail Service

Response: The Trinity County Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

Recommendation #1: Will be implemented. Action has been taken by the Sheriff to include this topic in the training program for new officers working in the Jail. The training will include rules and regulations pertaining to confidentiality requirements regarding inspection of inmate mail.

Finding #2: Medication Complaints

Response: The Trinity County Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

Recommendation #2: Will be implemented. All inmates should be informed of current policy with regard to generic medication. The Sheriff has agreed to include this in the next printing of the inmate handbook. Medical Staff is responsible for seeing inmates have an adequate supply of medication and every effort will be made to insure an inmate does not run out of medication.

Finding #3 & #4: Inmate Phone System

Response: No response requested.

Finding #5: Facility Repairs

Response: The Trinity County Board of Supervisors agrees.

Recommendation #5: Has been implemented. The Trinity County Board of Supervisors is aware of the deficiencies and those deficiencies have been reported to the General Services Department. The shower repair is listed as a priority for funding and every effort will be made to find funding for this project this fiscal year. The Trinity County Board of Supervisors thanks the Grand Jury for the commendations regarding the kitchen operation and the effort by the Department to maintain a quality operation in face of a difficult financial situation.