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**TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY
2005-2006**

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT**

**TRINITY COUNTY JUVENILE
DETENTION FACILITY**

**This Report was Approved
On June 6, 2006**

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JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY

PURPOSE:

California Penal code section 919(b) mandates that the Grand Jury will annually inquire into the conditions and management of all public prisons within the county. In Trinity County that includes three facilities: Trinity River Conservation Camp, Trinity County Juvenile Detention Center and Trinity County Detention Facility.

BACKGROUND:

The Juvenile Detention Facility in Weaverville was completed in June, 2001. It is operated under the direction of the Chief Probation Officer, Mr. Terry Lee and members of his staff. The main purpose is to provide a location for juveniles to be held pending court appearances, to keep them in a safe environment or a place of incarceration as ordered by the court.

There is a capacity to house up to 24 detainees. It houses individuals from Trinity County and depending upon availability of beds, can provide housing for juveniles from other counties. In those cases, fees are paid to provide services to this county. The fees are placed in the General Fund for distribution to the Probation Department and other General Fund departments.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION:

The Judicial Committee met with Mr. Lee at the Juvenile facility for an interview and a tour of the facility. Following a brief talk about the facility, its history and general operation the jury members were taken on a full tour of the building. They were permitted to view all areas with the exception of a counseling room, where a counseling session was being held. He explained procedures used by law-enforcement when interviewing juveniles when in classes at Trinity High School as well as other times.

The facility was found to be exceptionally clean and organized, and should be noted that the inmates are responsible for the cleaning of the facility. The kitchen was clean and everything in its proper place.

Male and female juveniles are housed on separate tiers. There are showers on each floor and set up to provide maximum privacy. Classes are provided for all inmates. Classes were in session and the jury was invited in to observe. The instructor explained that the students are provided an excellent education, offering classes over and above those required by the State of California. Defined as "Life Classes" some of those

include writing checks and balancing a check book, making a menu, creating a shopping list, and using those to shop. They learn to fill out an application for renting an apartment, getting utilities set up for the apartment, and how to look for and buy an automobile. In general, they are instructed on how to get along on their own. In speaking with the students they said how glad they are to have such classes, as most of them "had no clue."

All the detainees were well mannered, neatly dressed and polite. They seemed to be in good spirits. They have a system where they can earn rewards with good behavior and privileges could be lost for rule infractions.

FINDING #1:

Several questions were received by this jury regarding the procedures used by law enforcement when speaking with a student at Trinity High School. There appears to be confusion over the proper procedures, on the part of the students, the parents, and the general public.

RECOMMENDATION #1:

It is recommended that a member of the Probation Department speak annually at the Student Orientation sessions held at public, continuation and alternative schools so that the students understand their rights relating to the Probation Department. It should be explained how the department can approach the students and under what conditions. It should also be explained what are illegal and inappropriate behaviors. Much of this could be accomplished in the form of a brochure outlining this information to be included in the parent packet provided at the beginning of the school year.

CONCLUSION:

In light of the Budget restraints, Chief Probation Officer Terry Lee and his staff are to be commended on the care and compassion they give to the young people in their care. The clean, well managed facility they maintain is one the entire county can be proud of.

RESPONSES REQUIRED:

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Respond in</u>
Board of Supervisors	1	1	90 days
Director, Probation Terry Lee	1	1	30 days
Superintendent THS Robert Lowden	1	1	30 days

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Re: 2005-2006 Trinity County Grand Jury Report

I have reviewed Finding #1 and Recommendation #1 that the 2005-2006 Trinity County Grand Jury Judicial Committee had in their final report in regards to the Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility. In it, the committee recommends that the Trinity County Probation Department speak annually at the Trinity Union High School District student orientation sessions and that a brochure be developed that contains useful information for students and their families in regards to legal issues at the schools.

I have spoken with Chief Probation Officer Terry Lee in regards to this recommendation. The district will attempt to provide an opportunity for a probation officer to speak at orientation or during class the first month of school on the school and probation relationship and legal issues. Additionally, Mr. Lee stated that probation would be developing a brochure outlining this information. I have stated that the school district would be willing to assist, where appropriate, in the development of this brochure.

Thank you for your concern and if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the district.

Sincerely,



Robert Lowden
Superintendent

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TO: The Honorable Anthony C. Edwards
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

FROM: Trinity County Board of Supervisors

CC: Kelly Frost, Deputy Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Response to Recommendations of 2005-06 Grand Jury Judicial Committee
Report on the Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility

DATE: September 12, 2006

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

Finding #1: *Several questions were received by this jury regarding the procedures used by law enforcement when speaking with a student at Trinity High School. There appears to be confusion over the proper procedures, on the part of the students, the parents, and the general public.*

Response: The Board of Supervisors agrees.

Recommendation #1: *It is recommended that a member of the Probation Department speak annually at the Student Orientation sessions held at public, continuation and alternative schools so that the students understand their rights relating to the Probation Department. It should be explained how the department can approach students and under what conditions. It should also be explained what are illegal and inappropriate behaviors. Much of this could be accomplished in the form of a brochure outlining this information to be included in the parent packet provided at the beginning of the school year.*

Response: Will be implemented. Mr. Terry Lee, Chief Probation Officer, has indicated that his department will be more than happy to provide up to date information at school orientations. His department is designing a brochure, as recommended, that will assist in keeping parents and students informed as to their rights. Working closely with the schools throughout our county to reduce juvenile crime and better inform parents and students of their legal rights when contacted by the Probation Department is an on going endeavor for the Probation Department.

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