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**TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY
2006-2007**

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT**

TRINITY COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

**This Report was Approved
On June 5, 2007**

**2006-2007 Trinity County Grand Jury
Judicial Committee
Final Report
Trinity County Juvenile Detention Center**

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 Center in Weaverville was completed in June, 2001. The facility is ADA approved and is built to last 50 years minimum. It is operated under the direction of the Chief Probation Officer, 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 courts.

The facility is licensed to house up to 28 juvenile detainees. The facility houses individuals (7-18 years old) from Trinity County and depending on availability of beds, can provide housing for juveniles from other counties (currently about 25% of inmates are from outside Trinity County). 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, thereby deriving revenue for Trinity County.

Method of Investigation:

The Judicial Committee met with the Chief Probation Officer 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.

Finding 1:

Staff were very informative and forthcoming, providing the jury with a sample brochure, (a work in progress), being compiled by the facility staff to be used when addressing students in public schools, as was recommended by the 2005-2006 Grand Jury. A public web site is also being developed where additional information could be obtained.

The committee toured most every room within the facility, with the exception of the rooms being used currently by juveniles. The facility was found to be clean and organized. The central control center is state-of-the-art and handles the entire facility, monitoring everything in and around the compound. The kitchen was clean and efficient. The Trinity County Detention Facility kitchen provides the regular meals for the Juvenile Detention Center. The facility houses male juveniles on the ground floor with female inmates occupying the upper floor. The showers were clean and provide for privacy of inmates. Inmates do the primary cleaning of the facility. The classroom was orderly and provided inmates a daily minimum of 4 ½ hours of educational opportunity. Before admission to the facility, all inmates undergo a medical screening. A facility doctor is under contract. He makes rounds 2-3 times per week. A point system is in place offering inmates opportunities to achieve privileges for good behavior vs. punishment or lack of privileges for bad behavior. The basic rules are posted in the common room. Inmates are advised of their rights and understand the consequences of bad behavior and that privileges may be taken away.

Recommendation 1:

Complete usable brochure for public school contact and create a functional web site for providing basic information to the public.

Conclusion:

Under the supervision of the Chief Probation Officer and his staff the Juvenile Detention Center is well-managed, clean and efficiently run.

Responses Required:

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Respond in</u>
Board of Supervisors	1	1	90 days
Chief Probation Officer	1	1	60 days
Superintendent, Trinity H.S.	1	1	60 days



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TERRY LEE, Chief Probation Officer

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 10, 2007

TO: Honorable James P. Woodward, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

FROM: Terry Lee, Chief Probation Officer

RE: 2006-2007 Trinity County Grand Jury Report "*Judicial Committee*"

I would like to express my thanks to the members of the Grand Jury who inspected the Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility. The work was thoughtful, insightful in nature and provided valuable insight to myself and my staff.

Finding #1:

I agree with the Grand Jury's finding and have already started the process of creating a usable brochure for public school contact. This department will take an active look at a functional web site for providing basic information to the public.

Cc: Wendy Tyler, Deputy Clerk of the Board



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Board of Supervisors

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TO: The Honorable James P. Woodward
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

FROM: Trinity County Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Response to Recommendation of the 2006-2007 Grand Jury
Judicial Committee Final Report-"Trinity County Juvenile
Detention Facility"

DATE: Sept. 24, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey", is written over a horizontal line.

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

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RESPONSE: The Board agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATION # 1: *Complete usable brochure for public schools contact and create a functional web site for providing basic information to the public.*

RESPONSE: Will be implemented. The Trinity County Board of Supervisors agrees with the recommendation. Mr. Terry Lee, Chief Probation Officer, has already started the process of creating a brochure for public school contact. He has also indicated that his department will actively look at establishing a web site for providing basic information to the public.

