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## TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY 2007-2008

# JUDICIAL COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

TRINITY COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

This Report was Approved On June 10, 2008

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#### **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, which includes the Juvenile Detention Center.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Juvenile Detention Center was completed in 2001. 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, 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. 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, thereby deriving revenue for Trinity County,

#### **METHOD OF INVESTIGATION:**

The Judicial Committee and several Grand Jury members met with the Chief Probation Officer at the Juvenile facility for an interview and a tour of the facility. Following a talk about the facility, its history and general operation, the jury members were taken on a full tour of the building.

#### **FINDING #1:**

Staff was very informative and forthcoming, providing the jury with a brochure that explains the terms for the juvenile delinquency process.

The committee toured all of the facility. The facility was found to be clean and organized. The central control center 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. They are served a cold breakfast, a cold lunch and a hot meal at dinner time. There are snacks available. The facility houses male juveniles on the ground floor with female juveniles occupying the upper floor. The showers were clean and provide for privacy of the juveniles. The juveniles do the primary cleaning of the facility. The classroom was

orderly and provided the juveniles a minimum of four hours of education. The GED test is also made available. On admission to the facility, all juveniles undergo a medical screening. A facility doctor is under contract. He makes rounds 2-3 times a week, or as needed. A point system is in place offering juveniles the opportunity to achieve privileges for good behavior vs. punishment or lack of privileges for bad behavior. The basic rules are posted in the common room. The juveniles have access to telephones. All juveniles have access for visitors, which is done by appointment. The brochure that was recommended by the 2006-2007 Grand Jury has been completed.

#### **RECOMMENDATION #1**

The brochure should be given to the parents of the juvenile for complete understanding of the process of the system.

#### **CONCLUSION**

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

#### Responses Required:

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



## TRINITY COUNTY PROBATION

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

James P. Woodward, Superior Court Presiding Judge

FROM:

Terry Lee, Chief Probation Officer

DATE:

August 5, 2008

RE:

2007-2008 Trinity County Grand Jury Report

I have reviewed the findings and recommendations of the Trinity County Grand Jury for the fiscal year 2007/2008 and make the following response to their findings and recommendations for the Probation Department.

#### Finding and Recommendation #1:

I agree with the finding and recommendation concerning the Trinity County Juvenile Hall. We have made available brochures outlining the juvenile delinquency process for parents who would like to take one. These brochures are located in our lobby and by request from our receptionist.

cc: Wendy Tyler, Clerk of the Board and Administrative Analyst



TRINITY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

### TRINITY COUNTY

Board of Supervisors P.O. BOX 1613, WEAVERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 96093 PHONE (530) 623-1217 FAX (530) 623-8365

TO:

The Honorable James P. Woodward,

Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

FROM:

Trinity County Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT:

Response to Recommendations of 2007-08

Grand Jury Judicial Committee Final Report re: Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility

DATE:

Nov. 4, 2008

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

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Response: Agree

#### Recommendation #1:

The brochure should be given to the parents of the juvenile for complete understanding of the process of the system.

#### Response:

Has been implemented.

ANTON R. JAEGEL, Chairman