

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Get the Picture? Audiovisual Technology and Marin Law Enforcement

Report Date: February 11, 2014

Response by: Marin County Board of Supervisors

FINDINGS

- We disagree partially with the findings numbered: **F2.**
- We disagree wholly with the findings numbered: **F3.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered **1** requires further analysis.
- Recommendation numbered **3** will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

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Marin County Board of Supervisors
Response to Findings and Recommendations from Grand Jury Report
"Get the Picture? Audiovisual Technology and Marin Law Enforcement" –
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FINDINGS

F2. Financial constraints are the reasons most cited by the law enforcement agencies that have not purchased modern audiovisual equipment.

Response: Partially Disagree: Funding from various sources is available to the Sheriff's Department and is not a constraint for the County.

F3. As of this report, the Sheriff's Department has not expressed an interest in purchasing body cameras.

Response: Wholly Disagree: The Sheriff has been evaluating the potential use of audiovisual body equipment to determine its viability regarding quality, durability, and data storage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Marin County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R1. The Grand Jury recommends that the Sheriff's Department and all police departments in the County use on-officer cameras.

Response: This recommendation requires further analysis. The County has no jurisdiction over the police departments in Marin Cities and Towns. However, the Sheriff is evaluating available equipment and plans to conduct a test use of equipment in a specific geographic patrol area of the County to determine its viability for future use.

R3. The Grand Jury recommends that the Sheriff's Department request funds from the Board of Supervisors for on-officer cameras and pursue grants and other funding sources.

Response: Funding for on-officer camera is not an issue. The Sheriff has access to a number of funding sources. It will not require a request for funds from the Marin County Board of Supervisors.