

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

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

**Report Date:** February 11, 2014

**Public Release Date:** February 18, 2014

**Response by:** May 12, 2014

### FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: F2 and F3

**(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)**

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.  
**(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)**
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
**(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)**
- Recommendations numbered R.1 and P.3 require further analysis.  
**(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)**
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

**(Attach an explanation.)**

Date: 4/8/14

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pages attached \_\_\_\_\_



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## Reference Response by Sheriff-Coroner Robert T. Doyle to the Civil Grand Jury Report Entitled "Get the Picture? Audiovisual Technology and Marin Law Enforcement"

Dear Foreperson Muller:

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05, I am responding to the above-mentioned Grand Jury Report

### **F1. On-officer cameras have been found to reduce citizen complaints and increase officer safety, but only three law enforcement agencies in the County are using these cameras.**

- I agree with this finding.

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

- I partially disagree with this finding. I am not aware of the cost implications of other jurisdictions, but whether or not we equip ourselves with audiovisual equipment, funding is not an issue.

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

- I wholly disagree with this finding. When I met with the Grand Jury, Sergeant Fred Marziano of our Technology Services Unit accompanied

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me. I clearly remember that both Sergeant Marziano and I explained that we have been evaluating the use of audiovisual body equipment. Sergeant Marziano explained very thoroughly that up until this point we have been concerned about the quality and durability of the equipment as well as the storage of the data. It should be noted that when I received the draft of the report, it indicated that there are five days in which to contact the Grand Jury if the report contained any mistakes. I contacted Foreperson Nadine Muller and explained my concern with the Grand Jury's findings. I was told that the report would not be changed.

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

- I cannot speak for other agencies in the County, but as far as the Sheriff's Office is concerned, this recommendation requires further analysis. In addition to my comments in F3, we have had conversations with at least two companies that manufacture audiovisual equipment. I would say that in the next several months we will select a geographical patrol area and test equipment to determine if we will permanently implement the technology.

**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.**

- As I mentioned in F2, funding for such technology is not an issue. At the point and time that we determine that we will implement the equipment, there are a number of funding sources available. It will not require requesting funds from the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

Yours truly,



ROBERT T. DOYLE  
SHERIFF-CORONER

RTD:sjb