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Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Reference: Response by Sheriff-Coroner Robert T. Doyle to the 2013-2014
Civil Grand Jury Report Entitled, "Recycling by the Marin County
Government: Walking the talk."

Dear Ms. Fuller,

As required by Penal Code Section 933.05, I offer the following response to
the 2012-2013 Civil Grand Jury Report Entitled, "Recycling by the
Marin County Government: Walking the talk."

This letter will serve as my response in my official capacity as the Sheriff –
Coroner of Marin County.

FINDINGS:

I agree with the findings enumerated in your report, listed as **Findings 16, 17,
18, 19, 20, 21.**

Recommendations:

Recommendation 5: The Main County Jail continue to recycle steel cans and
improve paper and cardboard recycling.

- Recommendation 5 has been implemented, and staff reports that the
process continues to improve as measures are being created daily to
improve the efficiency in this area. Maintenance staff in the Marin
County Jail Facility has been trained and are currently removing all
paper recyclables from previously sealed large plastic bags.

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Recommendation 7: The Marin County Jail work with Marin Sanitary to develop a system to compost post-consumer food waste from the jail.

- Recommendation 7 has been implemented. Administrative staff at the Marin County Jail has met with staff from the Marin Sanitary Service on three separate occasions and have implemented a trial project to recycle food waste in one of the pods. Initially, the challenges and concerns centered on the logistics of collecting and sorting the waste. Plan are to secure more collection receptacles to implement this throughout the jail by July 1, 2014.

Recommendation 6: The Marin County Jail work to implement a milk dispensing system to reduce or eliminate the use of single serving milk cartons

- Recommendation_6 will not be implemented. Marin County Sheriff Dietitian and Jail Kitchen Manager stated that no other county jail in the State of California serves milk in bulk quantities. The hazards of doing so involve the sanitary and chilling challenges of the serving dispensers, who and how to dispense the milk and the increase risk of contraband transportation in the serving dispensers.

For the reasons stated above, I do believe we have made progress in the area of recycling at the Marin County Jail. I appreciate the fact that improvements have been accomplished and recognized by your report and we are committed to continue to make recycling a priority for facility in future years.

Yours truly,



ROBERT T. DOYLE
SHERIFF-CORONER