

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: N/A
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: N/A

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered N/A have been implemented.  
**(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)**
- Recommendations numbered N/A have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
**(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)**
- Recommendations numbered N/A 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 R2 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

**(Attach an explanation.)**

Date: 3/13/14 Signed: P. Beach/Kull

Number of pages attached



March 14, 2014

The Honorable Judge Faye D'Opal  
Marin County Superior Court  
P.O. Box 4988  
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

Dear Judge D'Opal:

The Ross Town Council has received the Grand Jury Report – "Get the Picture? Audiovisual Technology and Marin Law Enforcement" dated February 11, 2014. The Grand Jury has requested a response to Recommendation R2. The Town Council response would be as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**R2:** The Grand Jury recommends that the police departments of San Rafael, Sausalito, Ross, Fairfax, Central Marin and Mill Valley request that their respective city councils provide funds to obtain on-officer cameras and pursue other funding sources as well.

Response: We are familiar with these systems as well as in-car camera systems. The Ross Police Department currently utilizes in-car cameras for patrol vehicles. The Ross Police Department does not use on-officer cameras at this time.

It is our view and position at this time there are not sufficient advantages to fund this type of program for Ross, as many of the problems indicated in the Grand Jury report do not exist in our community.

These systems would require an up-front purchase cost and then updates and maintenance. There is also some cost for video data storage and stored data security. There are also some logistics problems with a small department and downloading recordings/storage of recordings and security. There is not currently a funding system in place to cover the costs of these systems.

Respectfully,

P. Beach Kuhl  
Mayor

c: Nadine A. Muller, Foreperson