SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FROM: Executive Office

SUBJECT: Response to the Grand Jury Report: Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Corrections Division

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1) Direct the Clerk of the Board to immediately forward the attached response to the Grand Jury, to the Presiding Judge, and the County Clerk-Recorder (for mandatory filing with the State).

BACKGROUND: On July 17, 2007, the Board directed staff to prepare a draft of the Board's response to the Grand Jury's report regarding the Riverside County Sheriff's Department—Corrections Division.

Section 933 (c) of the Penal Code requires that the Board of Supervisors comment on the Grand Jury's recommendations pertaining to the matters under the control of the Board, and that a response be provided to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court within 90 days. The attached response has been submitted by the Sheriff, an independently elected official, as the Grand Jury's recommendations specifically address issues related to the Sheriff's Department Corrections Division. The Executive Office concurs with the Sheriff's response. The Sheriff's Department will provide cost estimates for obtaining and installing Digital Video Recorders (DVR's). The Sheriff's Department and Executive Office will work together to address any budget impacts during the quarterly reports.

Gary Christmas
Deputy County Executive Officer

FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost: $ N/A
Current F.Y. Net County Cost: $ 0
Annual Net County Cost: $ 0

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 □
Requires 4/5 Vote □

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Wilson and Ashley

Nays: None

Absent: Stone

Date: September 4, 2007

Ex: E.O., Grand Jury, Presiding Judge, Sheriff, Co. Clerk.

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.2 - 07/17/07

District:        Agenda Number: 3.1
Superior Court of California
County of Riverside

In the matter of,

2006-07 Grand Jury Report

Riverside County Sheriff's Department,
Respondent,

Case No.: 2006-07 Grand Jury Report
Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Corrections Division

To the presiding Judge of the Superior Court:
Response to Grand Jury Report

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933 et seq., this shall serve as the official response by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to the Grand Jury Report entitled "2006-2007 Grand Jury Report: Riverside County Sheriff's Department Corrections Division" transmitted June 25, 2007. The subject matter of the report focused on the need for Digital Video Recorders (DVR) at specified locations in the five jail facilities within the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The responses contained herein are limited to those of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and are not intended, by implication or otherwise, to be a response by the County of Riverside.

Grand Jury Finding #1

Due to overcrowding and a shortage of deputies, it is important to use whatever technology is available to maintain appropriate supervision.
Inmate complaints of inappropriate treatment by correctional staff, as well as the identification of areas not covered by surveillance cameras, have demonstrated the need for additional cameras, especially DVR cameras.

The following outlines specific locations at each county correctional facility where the addition of cameras are needed to protect deputies and inmates, as well as protecting Riverside County from liability and lawsuits.
1. Southwest Detention Center:
The transportation area and C, D, E, and F Pods, do not have cameras.
2. Blythe Jail Facility:
This facility has an area known as Holding Tank A. This area is currently housing 54 inmates and approximately 2/3 of the area is not observable from the entrance.

3. Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility, Banning:
   The laundry, kitchen and perimeter fences do not have coverage with cameras.

4. Indio Jail Facility:
   There are areas in the jail that have cameras but are not covered by DVR. These include: the kitchen, several cell block locations and some corridors.

5. Robert Presley Detention Center, Riverside:
   The kitchen, dayroom, and transportation areas do not have sufficient camera coverage.

**Riverside County Sheriff’s Department**

**Response to Grand Jury Finding #1:**

The Respondent agrees with this finding.

**Riverside County Sheriff’s Department**

**Response to Grand Jury Recommendation #1:**

The Respondent concurs with this recommendation. The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department agrees that installing DVRs in specified locations would improve the safety of the inmates and employees and that they should be installed as soon as the budgetary authorization is received.

Submitted this 30 day of July, 2007

Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner
July 30, 2007

Honorable Richard Fields  
Presiding Judge  
Riverside County Superior Court  
4050 Main Street  
P.O. Box 431  
Riverside, CA 92501

Reference: Response to 2006-2007 Grand Jury Report: Riverside County Sheriff's Department Corrections Division

Dear Judge Fields:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933 et. seq., please find enclosed the response of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to the above entitled Grand Jury Report. As always, please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this or any other matter. I may be reached at (951) 955-9612.

Sincerely,

BOB DOYLE, SHERIFF-CORONER

Randy Throne, Chief Deputy  
Professional Standards Division

cc: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Riverside  

Mr. Gary Christmas  
Deputy County Executive Officer