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June 25, 2018

Honorable Charles Margines
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Response to Orange County Grand Jury 2017-2018 Report, "Jail Food: Reservation Required"

Dear Judge Margines:

In accordance with Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, enclosed, please find the response to the FY 2017-2018 Orange County Grand Jury report, "Jail Food: Reservation Required".

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Sheriff Stu Greenberg at (714) 647-1801.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra Hutchens".

Sandra Hutchens,
Sheriff-Coroner

Cc: Bob Niccum, Grand Jury Foreman
Members, Board of Supervisors
Frank Kim, County Executive Officer

Orange County Sheriff's Department
Response to Findings and Recommendations
2017-2018 Orange County Grand Jury Report
"Jail Food – Reservation Required"

FINDINGS

F.1

Meals provided to inmates meet the requirements established by the Institute of Medicine, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

Response: *Agrees with the finding.*

F.2

Food storage areas are clean and neatly maintained by the Food Service Unit in the manner required by the California Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 7.

Response: *Agrees with the finding.*

F.3

All dairy, produce and meat items are fresh and edible, and stored at the correct temperature and in accordance with the California Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 7.

Response: *Agrees with the finding.*

F.4

Food is properly sealed so as not to contaminate or be contaminated by other foods according to the standards set forth by the California Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 7.

Response: *Agrees with the finding.*

F.5

Inmates are not allowed sufficient time to eat their meals in violation of the Orange County Sheriff's Food Service Manual and the California Board of State and Community Corrections, Title 15.

Response: *Disagree wholly with finding.*

Orange County inmates are allowed sufficient time to eat their meals in accordance with Orange County Sheriff's Department policy and California Board of State and Community Corrections, Title 15. While inmates are allowed the minimum 15 minute time allotment, inmates are also

given the option to return to their housing unit once their meal is finished. Most choose to leave the mess hall as soon as their meal is complete, which is generally under 15 minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R.1

The Orange County Sheriff must ensure that each inmate is provided at least fifteen minutes for meal consumption.

Response: *This recommendation has been implemented.*

OCSD staff insures all BSCC regulations and OCSD policies are followed, including the 15 minute meal time allotment.