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Subject: Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Perspective  
of Orange County Jails a Continuing Dilemma!"

Dear Mr. Penn:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 993, enclosed please find the County of Orange response to the subject report as approved by the Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Stanberry at (714) 834-3727 in the County Executive Office who will either assist you or direct you to the appropriate individual.

Very truly yours,

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Response to Findings and Recommendations**

**Response to Finding 6.2**

- 6.2 Insufficient Planning:** Despite recent and planned jail expansions and alternatives to incarceration, inmate overcrowding continues at county jails and, based on projected data, will only get worse during the next five years.

*Response: Agrees with finding.*

**Response to Recommendation 7.2**

- 7.2 Additional planning for county-operated jails:** The BOS and the OCSD should work together to develop quantified plans, in addition to those for James A. Musick expansion, to handle projected inmate populations during the next five years. (See Finding 6.2)

*Response: This recommendation has been implemented.*

The BOS continually works with the OCSD and the OC Courts to implement programs that reduce recidivism and provide alternatives to incarceration. Such programs include, but are not limited to: home confinement, the Community Work program, and drug and alcohol diversion programs. Jointly, these programs foster a reduction in overcrowding.