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The Honorable David W. Herrick
Superior Court of Lake County
255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport, Ca 95453

Re: Final Report 2004/2005 Lake County Grand Jury

Pursuant to Penal Code 933(A) it is with a good deal of pride and pleasure that we submit to you, the Board of Supervisors, and the citizens of Lake County this final report of the 2004/2005 Grand Jury. This Grand Jury report shows the dedication and sincerity of 19 jurors, who through their efforts will bring changes to Lake County that will be beneficial to all the citizens of Lake County for years to come.

When first empanelled, the Grand Jurors faced the daunting task of educating ourselves on the vast and complex array of public functions. These include the county with its multiple activities, multiple cities and a significant number of school districts special districts, commissions and committees. As there are so many local entities and important issues, it would be impossible for one Grand Jury to inquire into each one during its tenure.

The Grand Jury is required to make difficult decisions on prioritizing issues and directing its efforts. We sincerely hope that the issues we chose to pursue will enable the citizens of Lake County to gain a greater awareness, knowledge, and insight into local government.

Our experience has greatly reinforced our belief in the Grand Jury system as a guardian of public trust. Through this report, the residents of Lake County may become more aware of the responsibilities of the Grand Jury and its role in assuring that local government effectively and efficiently serves its citizens and taxpayers.

Government code section 54950 states, in part, "The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments that they have created. It may be that the single most important function of the Grand Jury is to keep to keep the people

informed of what their servants are doing.

The success of any Grand Jury depends on the elected and appointed officials and the staffs that support them. Our work over the last year had the goal of doing those items that Grand Juries are charged to accomplish. We investigated various aspects of county and city government and wrote our recommendations where we thought they would be useful. Each of the reports in the final report is the work of a committee and contains the thoughtful and reasoned recommendations of the Grand Jury. Each of the reports in the final report is the work of a committee and contains the thoughtful and reasoned recommendations of the Grand Jury.

I'm certain that no one who is newly appointed to the Grand Jury for the first time had any idea of the time, effort and commitment that is required.

We also want to thank the presiding judge and the many other county officials who gave us their time to answer questions and prepare and present documents and other background materials that we required. I want to say *well done* to those on this year's Grand Jury. It was my pleasure to serve with them.

In conclusion, a special note of thanks to Donna Spellman, our secretary, for being there and doing all the things she does so well.

Sincerely,

John L. Delk., Foreman

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LAKE COUNTY GRAND JURY MISSION STATEMENT

The charge given to the Lake County Grand Jury by the Presiding Judge for the fiscal year 2004-2005 carries an awesome responsibility. We took an oath to faithfully support our constitution and our laws to diligently and confidentially investigate matters brought to our attention and to strictly follow the Charge given to us by the Presiding Judge.

California Penal Code section 914 requires a legal charge and the Presiding Judge summarized the important information pertinent to our official duties as new grand jurors.

Nineteen citizens were selected as Officers of the Court by a selection method and those 19 citizens made up the 2004-2005 Lake County Grand Jury. We have been empowered as part of the judicial branch of the government operating under the protection of the Presiding Judge and the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Lake. It is our distinct mission to carry out these duties lawfully and efficiently, perform routine and timely reviews of City and county Governments, Special Districts and other public offices and to recommend any improvements or accountability that we deem necessary. Our duties include visiting all county detention facilities, responding to recommendations of the previous Lake County Grand Jury's final report and initiating investigations of citizen's complaints.

The public may read the 2004-2005 Lake County Grand Jury Final Report on our web-site; www.co.lake.ca.us/cntyhome.html. Citizens may also request complaint forms by contacting the Office of Lake County Grand Jury 707-279-8619, or by mail, PO Box 1078, Kelseyville, CA 95451.



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TO: THE CITIZENS OF LAKE COUNTY

FROM: THE 2004-2005 LAKE COUNTY GRAND JURY

After completing the 2004-2005 Grand Jury service, we are submitting our Final Report. We have done our best to follow the charge given to us by the Honorable David W. Herrick, Presiding Judge of Lake County Superior Court.

The Final Report is a team effort and has been approved by all the members of the Grand Jury, as required by the California Penal Code. We have been objective in all matters and to the best of our knowledge have given impartial solutions to civil matters.

The Lake County Grand Jury received 33 citizen's complaints for the FY 2004/2005. A copy of the complaint forms and procedures are included at the end of this report.

Additionally, we visited government sites within the County as follows:

- Lake County Detention Facilities
- Konocti Conversation Camp
- Lake County Fire Departments
- Lake County Animal Care and satellite Holding Facilities
- Department of Health Services
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Public Works
- Department of Public Services
- Lake County Financial Services

The complaints as investigated are included as separate reports. New complaints received after submission of this Jury's Final Report will be passed on to the 2005/2006 Grand Jury for review and appropriate action.



LAKE COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY 2004-2005

OATH OF OFFICE

June Carpenter	*Harry Chase
Donald Clay +	*Ronald Craig
*John Delk +, Foreman	*Betty Dumolt +
*David Falleri, Sergeant at Arms	*Lynette Fishel-Dunbar, Pro Tempore
Rob Green	Jim Hilton
John Mackay	*Daphne MacMaster
Jo Anne Merrill	*Leon Ripplinger, Pro Tempore
*Rick Smith	*Roy Jones
*Bob Knutson +	*Glenn Trumble
*Sherri Nordahl	*Elsie Pendleton
*Dave Robertson	*Debbie Strickler
*Donna Spellman +, Secretary	

***JURORS SERVING AT END OF TERM**

+ CARRY OVER JURORS, 2003-2004



RESPONSIBILITIES & POWERS

The Grand Juries responsibilities and powers are expressed in Chapter 4 of the California Penal Code (PC), Sections 3060(ff) of the California Government Code (GC) and section 17006 of the California Welfare & Institutions Code (W&I).

There are four responsibilities specifically required of the Grand Jury, and a wide scope of permitted ones.

REQUIRED RESPONSIBILITIES

The Grand Jury is required by statute to inquire into the following areas. These required responsibilities all begin with “*the grand jury shall...*”

1. PC 925: “... *investigate and report on the operations, accounts and records of the officers, departments or functions of the county including those operations, accounts and records of any legislative district or other district in the county created pursuant to state law for which the officers of the county are serving in their ex officio capacity as officers of the districts. The investigations may be conducted on some selective basis each year.*”
2. PC 919(b): “...*inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county.*”
3. PC 919(c): “...*inquire into the willful or corrupt misconduct in office of public Officers of every description within the county.*”
4. PC 933(a): “... *submit to the presiding judge of the superior court a final report of its findings and recommendations that pertain to county government matters.*”

Additionally;

5. PC 933(c): “*No later than 90 days after the grand jury submits a final report on the operations of any public agency subject to its reviewing authority, the governing body of the public agency shall comment to the judge of the superior court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of the governing body, and every elected county officer or agency head for which the grand jury has responsibility pursuant to Section 914.1 shall comment within 60 days to the presiding judge of the superior court...*”



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TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Reason for Investigation: The 2003-2004 Grand Jury recommended that the 2004-2005 Grand Jury follow up with the Lake County Treasurer Tax Collector investigation.

Summary: The Lake County Treasurer/Tax Collector provided comprehensive responses to our inquiries and recommendations. She has a well-trained staff.

Background: The Grand Jury continued reviewing the duties and operations of the County Tax Collector/Treasurer's office that were in question.

What was Discovered: Following a committee meeting with the County Tax Collector/Treasurer, it was determined that the recommendations of the 2003-2004 Grand Jury have been addressed. The meeting was subsequently followed up with an on-site walk through to observe office policy and procedure.

Findings:

1. The policies and documentation procedure are thorough and training manuals are available.

Recommendations

None

Response Requested:

None



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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)

Reason for Investigation: To follow up on the 2003-2004 Grand Jury Report.

Summary: The Financial Services Committee continued the investigation of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) started by the 2003-2004 Grand Jury. The Committee reviewed the final report and the responses thereto. We found that even though requested, no response was received from the Board of Supervisors, the Lakeport City Council or the Clearlake City Council.

Absent those responses, the LAFCO CEO was interviewed by the entire Grand Jury. Results of that interview will be addressed in the findings of this report. Further, members of the Committee attended a LAFCO workshop held in Sacramento. New amendments to the enabling legislation were also reviewed.

Special emphasis was also given to our review of the LAFCO budget. Results of that review will also be addressed in the findings and recommendations of this report.

Background: LAFCO was established by the Cortese-Knox-Hertsberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. Subsequent amendments to this act have expanded the responsibilities of LAFCO. The basic concept of this act is a good one and is probably useful in large urbanized counties with shifting populations. The reality, however, is an imposition of another layer of bureaucracy that is neither necessary nor desirable in a small rural county such as Lake County. Aside from the expense of maintaining such an unfunded mandate, the work done by LAFCO largely duplicates the efforts of existing County departments. Spheres of influence and provision of municipal services are already established in Lake County and are not likely to change in any appreciable fashion during the foreseeable future.

What was Discovered: LAFCO is operated and functions within the parameters of its enabling legislation. However, some provisions of the law that permit certain actions by LAFCO are taken as mandates, thereby incurring additional and unnecessary expense. Also, disparities exist in the levels of compensation offered to members of the Commission and the CEO. Commissioners are granted \$40.00 per meeting while the CEO receives \$600.00 per meeting. It is unclear whether this stipend is in addition to or is considered part of his salary under his contract. Another item of concern is the budgeted retention of an attorney to attend each meeting of LAFCO. In our experience, LAFCO budget also includes a contingency fund that is in the current budget was \$5,000.00 but in 2005-2006 rises to

\$11,000.00. The current budget provides funds for certain studies to be done by outside consultants. These studies were not conducted but the money was not returned to the funding agencies. It was simply carried over to the budget for the following year.

Findings:

1. LAFCO in its present form, although mandated by State Law, provides little, if any benefits to the citizens of Lake County.
2. The LAFCO Budget is excessive to some areas and, at best ambiguous in others.
3. No mechanism is currently in place to control or even review the practices of LAFCO in its budgeting or spending.

Recommendations

1. That the governing bodies of Lake County, Lakeport and Clearlake take whatever actions that might be available to them to withdraw from LAFCO.
2. That LAFCO commissioners pay much closer and more analytical attention to the budget for which they are responsible.
3. That the aforementioned governing bodies take specific, direct action to maintain control of LAFCO's budgeting and spending, working through the legislature if necessary.

Response Requested:

Lake County Board of Supervisors
Lakeport City Council
Clearlake City Council
LAFCO CEO



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CACHE CREEK DAM

Reason for Investigation: To review the overall function and operations of Cache Creek Dam.

Summary: Site visit was made by the Lake County Grand Jury 2004/2005 on 8 Oct 2004 at the Yolo County Water District Cache Creek Dam located in Lake County.

Background: Yolo County Water District owns the water rights in the County Of Lake in the jurisdiction of California Central Valley Water Board.

What was Discovered: Cache Creek Dam is not in the purview of the Lake County Grand Jury, although it is in the best interest of the County of Lake that Yolo County Water District insures the Dam is properly maintained.

Findings:

The dam appears to be properly maintained and staffed by the Yolo County Water District.

Recommendations

None

Response Requested:

None



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TAYLOR OBSERVATORY

Reason for Investigation: To review the overall function and operation of the Taylor Observatory.

Summary: The Taylor Observatory had no record of being visited or inquired into by any grand jury.

Background: We toured the facility and found the volunteers to be informative and cooperative.

What was Discovered: At present, the Observatory has no regular full time personnel and is run by volunteers. For information on visiting the Observatory contact the County Board of Education.

Findings:

1. The staff is sustained through the efforts of volunteers and financial support through the Board of Education
2. Originally the Observatory was intended for the main benefit of the Lake County School system and Lake County citizens.
3. The new Spitz projector was obtained and installed by the Kelseyville Sunrise Rotary Club after extensive remodeling of the Planetarium/Observatory.

Recommendations

Efforts should be made to publicize the availability of this public asset and can avail themselves.

Response Requested:

Superintendent of Schools



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CODE COMPLIANCE VIOLATIONS

Reason for Investigation: To investigate a citizens complaint regarding code compliance violation in Lucerne, California.

Summary: Lucerne Citizen Complaint dated March 1, 2005 regarding several code compliance violations. The complaint alleges that several persons are living in an un-mounted cab-over camper. The complainant further charges that the inhabitants are using an outside "Porta-Potty" for toilet facilities and electrical power is being used from a nearby house or by running a gas powered generator at all hours of the evening.

Background: We toured the facility and found the volunteers to be informative and cooperative.

What was Discovered: Part of the Lake County Grand Jury Planning Committee conducted several site visits at the Lucerne address and were unable to substantiate any of the reported allegations during these visits. There was a cab-over camper on the property. It was covered with a tarp and did not appear to be inhabited. There was no evidence of a 'Porta-potty' or electrical cables from a neighboring house.

Findings:

Planning and Public Works Committee made a site visit at the Code Compliance office and confirmed this address had been handled according to existing code requirements.

Recommendations

None

Response Requested:

None



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Reason for Investigation: To follow up on Grand Jury Report of 2003-2004

Summary: A number of unresolved citizen complaints, involving a North Lakeport subdivision with an unfenced community swimming pool approximately five feet from a private family dwelling.

Background: Numerous original improvements that were requirements of the State of California Department of Real Estate were never accomplished. There were also several apparent violations of County building ordinances. The death of the Owner/Contractor of the property and sale of part of the property by the current home owner, left no one in a position to remedy any of the violations other than to eliminate the hazard of the unfinished swimming pool.

What was Discovered: After reviewing the above facts, several members of this Committee visited the property to determine that the pool had been filled in with dirt

Findings:

1. Unfinished pool no longer presents a hazard:
2. The ongoing legal action by the Insurance Companies, the Courts and the State Department must be resolved before any other action can be reasonably undertaken by the Grand Jury.

Recommendations

No further action can be taken by the Lake County Grand Jury.

Response Requested:

None



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CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM

Reason for Investigation: There is no formal procedure for registering a complaint against a county agency.

Summary: County of Lake Department Heads established a formal County wide complaint policy with a timely responsive feedback system.

Background: The Lake County Grand Jury Planning and Public Works committee conducted interviews with the Public Service Director, Personnel Officer and County Administrator. This resulted in a Department Head meeting to develop a working complaint process.

What was Discovered: The Lake County Grand Jury Planning and Public Works committee found that the existing policy and the complaint forms were inadequate.

Findings:

The County Administrator did develop a new procedure providing a timely response.

Recommendations

The public should be made aware that the new forms are available at the Lake County Web-Site or can be obtained by calling the County Administrator.

Response Requested:

None



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CALPINE GEOTHERMAL SITE VISIT

Reason for Investigation: Calpine is the terminal point of treated wastewater which is part and parcel to the Public Services Committee's investigation into Lake water acquisition processing and distribution.

Background: The Public Services Committee has been investigating various Lake County water companies pursuant to high profile, multiple water related emergencies within the last twelve months.

The Committee has also investigated two wastewater treatment plants Northeast and Southwest, in the wake of widely publicized multiple raw sewage spills within the same time span. The above inquiries have revealed the importance of "Basin 2000", a Lake County sewer and wastewater distribution system which, in part, delivers partially treated wastewater, "effluent", to the Calpine Geothermal Plant. Details of the use of effluent water by Calpine were revealed during the Grand Jury's inspection of the Plant.

What was Discovered: Calpine generates a small percent of California's energy. It is the only site of geothermal production in the United States. Daily tours attract local citizens and university students as well as global geothermal professionals.

Findings:

1. Calpine and Lake County co-produced the "Basin 2000" pipe line.
2. The relationship is mutually beneficial as Lake County needs to dispose of the wastewater and Calpine needs water to produce steam for energy.
3. The Calpine facility currently receives water via the Eastern section of "Basin 2000". The planning phase of the Western portion of the system is currently being finalized.
4. In addition to producing clean energy for Northern California communities, Calpine is a prototype research facility in the geothermal genre.
5. The Calpine facility is one of a few in the world producing clean, renewable energy.
6. The subject of notably increased seismic activity in the Calpine area was inquired of, however was not sufficiently addressed.
7. The overall operation appeared to be very clean. Production produced sulphur, or any other residue, was not apparent in the environment.
8. Personnel were informed, willing to demonstrate the function of a myriad of equipment and

demonstrated knowledge of safety procedures.

Recommendations

Calpine needs to be more forthcoming regarding its involvement in increased occurrences of seismic activity surrounding its wells.

Response Requested:

Lake County Special Districts Administrator
Lake County Board of Supervisors



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VARIOUS WATER DISTRICTS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

Reason for Investigation: Large spills of untreated wastewater, water hook-up moratoriums, media coverage of questionable water analysis procedures - these problems as reported in the media prompted the Public Services Committee to randomly look into some water districts around the Lake.

Summary: In preparation for the following comments, the Committee made site visits to some water districts, two wastewater treatment plants, Calpine and the Office of Emergency Services.

Background: A wide range of water issues presented themselves from a number of sources in Lake County. Some of these issues are examined here as water issues continue to be a source of concern.

What was Discovered: The Lake County districts that use Clearlake water, purchase that water from Yolo County Water District vis-a-vis a century old sales agreement. System failures have resulted in spills of untreated wastewater that threatened our water source, resulting in fines and costly litigation, limiting funds for infrastructure upgrades.

In the event of water related emergency, the Office of Emergency Services will direct the inquiry to the appropriate agency to address the problem.

Findings:

1. Many water districts are operating with outdated equipment and are unable to meet the demands of today's growing population
2. Water districts are required to test water for potability frequently throughout the day. It is mandated that these results are forwarded to the Regional Water Quality Department on a regular basis
3. Some water districts have a moratorium on new water hook-ups due to an "at or above capacity to serve current customers" status.
4. Full circle aka "Basin 2000", a long term clean water initiative Encircling Clearlake has been adopted. Water from this program deals with agriculture reuse, wetlands construction and geothermal power generation.

Recommendations

The water districts the Committee visited were all in need of system upgrade and increased capacity. We suspect that this is the case throughout the County. Possibly a Countywide effort of fund the universal upgrade of these aging systems could be mounted.

Response Requested:

Lake County Board of Supervisors
Special Districts Administrator



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LAKE COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL

Reason for Investigation: Public concern for West Nile Virus.

Summary: Vector Control has been aware of the progress of West Nile Virus, a mosquito borne disease, in its East/West Coast path since 1999, when it was first reported in the state of New York.

Background: An important health issue facing Lake County residents is West Nile Virus. It was first discovered in Uganda in 1937, in New York in 1999, and in Lake County in August 2004. It is a mosquito borne virus best battled with spray at the mosquito larva stage.

What was Discovered: Education programs via Vector Control include informing the community of safe handling of dead and diseased birds and animals.

Findings:

1. Intense spray program implemented
2. Free mosquito eating fish are available
3. Chemicals used for spraying mosquito larvae are not harmful to animals or humans.
4. Eliminating standing water can best control West Nile Virus, spraying mosquito habitat, using larva eating bacteria and mosquito eating fish.
5. For those who choose to be excluded from the spray, their names can be included on a "Do Not Spray" list.

Recommendations

Engage in public awareness activities via print, public presentations, media, in school presentation, concerning the various sides of the West Nile issue.

Response Requested:

Vector Control
Board of Supervisors





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LAKE COUNTY TRANSIT

Reason for Investigation: To inquire of the Lake County Transit overall operation includes routes, administration, budget and new facility.

Summary: The Public Service Committee toured the new Transit facility on Highway 53, and found it to be modern, well equipped and well designed for future growth.

Background: Lake County Transit was formed in 1996 to provide public transit services in Lake County. The Transit Authority contracts for administrative management and maintenance services. Lake County Transit Authority has hired a private contractor, Laidlaw Transit Services, to manage and conduct day to day operations and maintenance.

What was Discovered: Lake County operates clean and efficient buses that are handicap accessible, and has flexible routes which cover Lake County and connect to other adjacent counties.

Findings:

1. Lake County Transit connects to shopping, other bus services and colleges in Ukiah, to St. Helena Hospital and to the city of Santa Rosa.
2. The major service area includes North and South Lake County, including Cobb.
3. Senior Citizens, age 60 and over, qualify for special fare discounts
4. Persons with disabilities receive fare discounts
5. Up to two small children, age 6 or under, ride free when accompanied by an adult
6. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7am to 5pm (including holidays)
7. The Transit Authority operates its budget based on 26% from fares, and is subsidized in part from Transportation Development Act Funds, Federal Transit Act Funds as well as grants.
8. Laidlaw appears to have the necessary formula for operating a successful transit system.

Recommendations

1. Schedules should be more widely distributed. The Grand Jury found the schedule very difficult to obtain. When located, the schedule revealed itself to be difficult to understand. In some cases,

destinations do not have addresses and determining how routes connect is difficult.

2. The telephone number for Lake County Transit should be publicized in the telephone directory and in other public venues.

Response Requested:

The Lake County Transit Authority



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VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE

Reason for Investigation: Site Visit

Summary: The Committee visited with the Veteran Service Office in Lakeport.

Findings:

1. The Office of Veteran Services assist the Veterans of Lake County by:
 - a. Benefits counseling.
 - b. Compensation for service related injuries.
 - c. Dependent allowances.
 - d. Health issues.
 - e. Requests for military records.
 - f. Transportation is provided veterans for medical services
2. The Office of Veteran's services is also the County Safety Officer providing valuable safety training to County employees.
3. Lake County Veterans receive nine million dollars in benefits annually. This Veteran's Office sees to the needs of these recipients.
4. The office is working to bring a health clinic into Lake County, to provide for veteran's needs. Currently veterans must go to Ukiah, San Francisco or Santa Rosa for medical services.
5. The Lakeport Veteran's Service office staff is extremely competent and perform an invaluable service to our veterans.

Recommendations

1. Board of Supervisors should maintain staff and budget of this office.
2. Continue County outreach programs.

Response Requested:

Board of Supervisor





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WEAPON ON SCHOOL CAMPUS

Reason for Investigation: To investigate a citizen complaint regarding a loaded gun having been found on the campus of Upper Lake High School.

Summary: During summer session with students on campus, a bag, destined for a school board meeting, was found in the administration office, containing a fully loaded gun. A staff person preparing for the board meeting, found the sack heavy, and discovered the weapon. She called a maintenance person who found the gun to be fully loaded, he then disarmed the weapon.

What was discovered: A fully loaded gun was found on school property on the third Wednesday of June 2003, prior to a scheduled School Board meeting.

Findings:

1. Students and other personnel were on campus.
2. A loaded gun was left unattended in the school administration office by the Principal/Superintendent of Schools.
3. The Principal/Superintendent did have a concealed weapon permit issued by the Lake County Sheriff's Office. The Lake County Sheriff confirmed a concealed weapon's permit does allow possession of a loaded gun on a school campus.
4. The permit in question was valid and current.
5. The Principal contacted the Sheriff. After reviewing the incident, the Sheriff assigned gun safety remediation.
6. The Committee found no documentation of this incident at the County Sheriff's Office. Nor was there a record of completion of gun safety training.

Recommendations

1. A written policy regarding the banning of weapons on campus should be established and posted in a public place.
2. Regardless of the legality of the permit, common sense dictates that there is no place on campus for any weapon brought by any person with the exception of a peace officer.

3. Lake County Sheriff's Office should document incidents of this nature.
4. As our investigation has progressed the Committee sees that further inquiry is in order, and ask that the 2005-2006 follow up on the investigation

Response Requested:

Lake County Sheriff
Lake County Office of Education



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LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG SERVICES

Reason for Investigation: To review the overall function and operation of the office of Alcohol and Other Drug Services (AODS).

Summary: The Health and Social Services committee visited the office of the AODS and were met by Ruth Lincoln, Director of Mental Health, and two of her staff members, Laura Solis and Jane McLaine. We were given a very informative overall presentation.

Background: The Committee found that AODS had not been visited for several years.

What was discovered: The Committee found that all the duties of AODS were being met. Ruth Lincoln's submitted a letter on October 13th, 2004, to the Board of Supervisors, requesting reorganization of the Health Services. Ms. Lincoln requested that one department be comprised of Mental Health Services and Alcohol and other Drug Services (AODS), the remaining services be retained in a County Public Health Services Department. The Health Services Department was formed in 1992, and since that time the duties and responsibilities have changed significantly. Ms. Lincoln requested further study on her proposal to consolidate into two departments.

Findings:

1. Ruth Lincoln and her staff are well trained and are helpful with the County needs.
2. A loaded gun was left unattended in the school administration office by the Principal/ Superintendent of Schools.

Recommendations

1. Youth activities should be promoted to insure maximum public information.
2. Lake County should make available a detox facility for the AODS patients in the County of Lake.

Remarks: We found Ruth Lincoln and her staff to be well trained and very helpful. The Lake County Grand Jury wants to thank the AODS and Mental Health staff for their time and effort in bringing us up-to-date on their very heavy workload.

Response Requested:

Lake County Board of Supervisors



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VICTIM WITNESS

Reason for Investigation: To follow up on Grand Jury report of 2003-2004

Summary: We found that the program was still functioning very well, but still need a safe place for clients.

Background: The Victim Witness offices should be in a more secure environment and private rooms for interviews to avoid matters of intimidation with clients.

What was discovered: The Committee found that the facilities have not improved since last years Grand Jury Report.

Findings:

1. We found that the facilities have not changed.
2. Victim Witness is actively pursuing closed circuit television during some court sessions.
3. Staff is working under difficult conditions with such a small, open facility.
4. The staff will be short one interviewer with the retirement of the Director.

Recommendations

1. That a more secure facility be found.
2. We wholeheartedly approve of the action
3. Facility needs to be enlarged and improved to allow the staff to work more freely.

Response Requested:

Board of Supervisors
Lake County Sheriff
Lake County District Attorney



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IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)

Reason for Investigation: The 2003-2004 Grand Jury recommended checking the progress of the IHSS Public Authority and attending the IHSS Advisory Committee meetings.

Summary: In 1999 AB 1682 was enacted to establish policies and procedures for In-Home Health Care Services. The Lake County Board of Supervisors finally established the Public Authority in January 2003. Since that time IHSS has been plagued with ineffective policies, budget restrains and questionable services to the intended recipients.

Bill AB 1682 on the State level needs to be reviewed and a mutual feeling of trust needs to be established between the County and the State.

Background: The Committee reviewed the overall operations of the IHSS program in Lake County. The Committee reviewed the previous years of Lake County Grand Jury reports and media coverage concerning IHSS experiences through out the County.

The Committee attended monthly meetings of the Lake County Social Services Advisory Committee, interviewed the Director of Lake County Social Services, Public Authority Coordinator and the Public Authority Specialist. The Committee interviewed the Directing Attorney of the Senior Law Project and the Chairperson of the Social Services Advisory Committee. The Committee visited the IHSS offices and reviewed their overall operating procedures, including background check procedures.

What was discovered: The Committee discovered that the IHSS program from the State level down to the County level needs major reforms.

Findings:

1. Lack of communication between Board of Supervisors and Government offices.
2. Lack of training.
3. Not enough monitoring of recipients by appropriate agencies.
4. Salaries not sufficient to attract quality caregivers.
5. Lack of qualified emergency caregivers.

6. Advisory Committee and Advisory Board do not have a full membership and attendance
7. Public Authority not in compliance with AB 1682.
8. Recipients not being properly protected by AB 1682.
9. Insufficient oversight of recipients.
10. Insufficient funding problems for IHSS.

Recommendations

1. The Board of Supervisors should work more closely with State Government and officials to insure that funding for mandated programs and realignment dollars be monitored more closely and returned to the County in a timely manner.
2. There should be mandatory “hands on” training for all people’s (including family members) who are employed as caregivers, with the provision that successful completion of training sessions should be a basis for salary advancement. Local Community Colleges should conduct the training sessions and the Public Authority should set an appropriate curriculum.
3. Monitoring of recipients need to be increased. Appropriate County Agencies such as (Law Enforcement, Adult Protective Services) should be coordinated to insure that adequate monitoring of services is being provided. Additional Social Services is needed to conduct required home visits with the recipient in the absence of the caregiver, to insure candid interviews.,
4. Salaries need to be sufficient to attract quality caregivers. The degree of training should be rewarded by additional compensation.
5. In the absence of a regular caregiver, a pool of qualified substitute caregivers who can respond immediately, needs to be established.
6. The Advisory Committee meetings need to have full membership and attendance. The Advisory Committee needs to be independent from the Department of Social Services. The Advisory Board Liaison needs to attend monthly meetings and pass on pertinent information to other members of the Advisory Board.
7. The Public Authority shall play no role, nor dominate the Advisory Committee proceedings. AB 1692 clearly states, “Employees of the public authority shall not be employees of the County for any purpose.”
8. Even though it is the current law (AB 1682) which allows IHSS recipients to be the employer of record, this Committee realizes that it is not practical because some recipients are incapable of supervising the Caregiver, The County should work with the State legislature to correct this portion of AB 1682.
9. To reduce the incidents of abuse of IHSS recipients, quarterly in-home visits by the Department of Social Services need to be conducted. Occurrences of abuse need to be documented and reported to the proper authorities. To accomplish this task additional staff will be necessary.
10. It should be realized that funding caused by realignment and delay by the State in receiving monies, is a funding problem for IHSS.

Response Requested:

1. Board of Supervisors (Advisory Board)
2. Advisory Committee
3. Department of Social Services
4. Senator Wes Chesbro
5. Assemblywoman Patty Berg



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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Reason for Investigation: Environmental Health, a Division of the Health Department, had not been visited by the Grand Jury for several years. We wished to review programs and operations of the Department

Summary: The Health and Social Services Committee met with Ray Ruminski and his staff at their Blevins Court office. We were joined by Manual Ramirez, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, where we discussed several issues and toured the facility.

What was discovered: The Committee found the responsibilities of the Office of Environmental Health to be many and wide ranged. They issue land based permits, covering septic and well issues, fixed facility permits dealing with retail food, public pools and small water companies, as well as dealing with hazardous materials and other environmental issues.

Findings:

1. The Committee found the Environmental Health Department, led by Mr. Ruminski, to be efficient and competent in their job of safe guarding the environment of Lake County
2. The Environmental Health Department is working on a restaurant rating system to guide Lake County consumers.
3. Transporters of hazardous materials are responsible for clean-up of all spillage. The Department of Environmental Health and Cal-Trans. will monitor and assist.
4. Environmental Health has advertisements in the newspaper, pamphlets and other ways to educate the public about disposal of hazardous materials.

Recommendations

None

Response Requested:

None





2004/2005 Grand Jury Report

CLEARLAKE ANIMAL CONTROL HOLDING FACILITY

Reason for Investigation: Government Services Committee decided to follow up on the Final Report of Grand Jury 2003-2004.

Summary: The Government Services Committee did another site visit to the Clearlake Holding Facility and found no improvements in the conditions at that facility. We find it to be inadequate and hazardous to animals. The animals are not given even the basic needs, water, food, heating or cooling.

Background: The City of Clearlake has been aware of these inadequate facilities but has not taken any actions to improve the conditions.

What was discovered: The City of Clearlake and the City Officials have taken no action to make the holding facility better and they have not renewed their contract with the County Animal Control. Neither the 1994 contract nor the amendments address the particulars of running the facility. Animal Control is responsible for the care of the animals and the City of Clearlake has contracted them to do so. Taking these facts into consideration, the Grand Jury does not see what remedy the City of Clearlake intends to take to rectify this situation. The Grand Jury from 2003-2004 did not ask for a response from the City of Clearlake. At this time, any deficiencies in the facility should be requested in writing to the City of Clearlake for action.

The next meeting is scheduled to be with the interim Administrator for the City of Clearlake Sharon Goode, on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. Animal Control has been invited to attend so the two parties get on the same page. The Grand Jury just wants to be sure that the County is not getting put in a position to be liable for not requesting that the facility be upgraded to meet current State or Federal requirements.

Findings:

1. The City of Clearlake owns the holding facility
2. The City of Clearlake and the City Officials are aware of the inadequate care for these animals which could be a criminal offense per Penal Code 597.1

Recommendations

1. The City of Clearlake and the City Officials should take immediate action to rectify the potential offense.
2. The City of Clearlake and the City Officials shall be held accountable for the care and safety of these animals.
3. The City of Clearlake and the City Officials shall respond immediately for the welfare of the animals that are held in this facility
4. The facility should meet the requirements set forth by the State.
5. A meeting was held on May 25, 2005 with Interim Administrator, Sharon Goode and Denise Johnson, and the committee. A temporary solution was agreed upon. The City of Clearlake and Animal Control will match funds to provide two swamp coolers and five dog beds for the holding facility in Clearlake.
6. The Grand Jury of 2004/2005 recommends further follow up on the Animal Control Holding Facility in Clearlake by the 2005/2006 Grand Jury.

Response Requested:

City of Clearlake
Clearlake City Council
Lake County Board of Supervisors
Lake County Animal Care and Control



2004/2005 Grand Jury Report

PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES

Reason for Investigation: Numerous complaints regarding inadequate counsel from the Public Defenders.

Summary: Numerous violations of the contract between the County of Lake and Indigent Representation Association (IRA) were found. Interviews were conducted with Judges, Court Clerks, Contracted Public Defenders all verifying problems within the contract.

Background: An Independent Contract has been contracted with the County of lake since 1999. IRA is in full control of hiring and implementing all Public Defenders for the Indigent Defendants.

What Was Discovered: Documents were received from County Administration, Hill Road Jail, The National Law Journal, Clearlake Police Department, and the Courts. All of the research, documents and interviews verified problems within the Public Defender Contract and the Public Defender system. Cases are constantly continued causing backlog in the courts. Three Judges stated to the Committee that the turnover and the lack of availability of public defenders was taking up court time, County money, and was unfair to clients. The Grand Jury Committee also witnessed at Superior Court Lakeport attorneys not being present when cases were called. Judges stated that the head Contractors did not handle cases personally. One head contractor had been assigned a case and withdrew citing conflict. A Judge stated that another of the Contractors had a case assigned to him (this was on a Wednesday) and that he probably would withdraw due to conflict. That Contractor called and withdrew stating a conflict that Friday morning. The Grand Jury was told in person by a Judge and a Court Clerk that although most of the public defenders were competent, the defendants were not getting proper consultation and do not always understand what is going on in the court room. Two Judges stated that the public defenders needed to have a place to meet with clients that was within reasonable distance of the court so that the defendants could see their attorney outside of court. The Committee was also told by three Judges that the majority of the defendants do not hear from their public defenders prior to Court. The Judges also stated that it was degrading to the defendants to be whispered to in front of the entire court and told what their options are. Two Judges stated that the clients were all times getting three or four attorneys for one case, and that often, attorneys never conversed with their clients outside of court. Two judges stated that they felt that the defendants were often not aware of the extent of their sentences and often had to make a decision within seconds that could affect the rest of their life.

Because the pay and morale is low, there is no supervision of the subcontractors, and there is no promotion, turnovers will most likely continue at the rapid rate they are now. This costs the County time and money and does not provide adequate counsel for indigent defendants.

Public Defenders rarely visit in custody inmates which is required in the contract. the 'must see clients in custody within 36 hours" is not being met at all. The standard of legal Representation per the contract, is not being met the majority of the time; this was stated to the Grand Jury by three Judges, court clerks, and the public defenders. It does not appear that the defendants are getting adequate representation.

In prior months/years many attorneys didn't even have offices in the county. Some do not have offices within t he county now. When public defenders leave, clients are not notified and when they are referred to the head Contractor's office, the head contractors get upset and have told the court clerks that they are not to refer to their office when an attorney is no longer available. This leaves the client with no where to turn and no one to contract.

Clients do not get any one-on-one time with their attorneys in an office setting IRA is no allowing proper contact out of court for the defendants. Most of the time an answering machine is given for contract and rarely is a defendant able to meet their attorney at an office outside of court. No 800 numbers are used and many indigent defendants have no way of making long distance phone calls. If they can, they are more likely to reach an answering machine than their public defenders. Public defenders do not interview clients approximately 90% of the time, much less within the contracted amount of time. The contract between IRA and their subcontracted public defenders does not outline the same requirements that the Counties contract with IRA has. The Subcontractors are told however, to follow the County contract; this is never followed up on. There have only been two meetings with the Administration is five years for guidance and administration. Subcontractors are left alone to make their own decisions. It appears that Indigent defendants may not be getting adequate representation because of IRA's lack of administration and concern for defendants. No training is provided for new hires. Often straight from passing the bar with no prior court experience, new hires are given files and told to go to court with no idea of what to do. There are no training days, or mentors, they are just given files and sent to court.

Approximately 5,000 people live in the City of Lakeport; almost 15,000 live in the City of Clearlake. There is not one office in Clear Lake for defendants to meet with their attorney.

On July 12, 2004 an article in the "National Law Journal", titled "Indigent defense services blasted", Lake County IRA was singled out as an example of "An unregulated system." It was not a flattering report to say the least.

Findings:

1. The contract guidelines are not being followed.
2. Defendants have no private access to many of the public defenders.
3. County Administration was informed 3/22/05 of the violations.
4. There were numerous violations within the contract.
5. This system was found not to be following contract guidelines.

Recommendations

1. This Grand Jury gave the County 90 days from 3/22/05 to take steps to change the many problems with the contract with IRA.
2. The County has started to take some steps to change the public defender problems.
3. a citizens oversight committee is needed to oversee the Independent Contract and to make sure the contract is followed.
4. Significant changes need to be made immediately for the Indigent defendant's rights to be upheld.
5. A new system for defense for Indigent defendants needs to be implemented immediately.
6. We recommend that the 2005-2006 Grand Jury follow up on this investigation.

Response Requested:

Lake County Board of Supervisor
County Counsel
County Administration
North and South Lake Superior Courts
District Attorney



2004/2005 Grand Jury Report

VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE

Reason for Investigation: The Government of Services COmmittee conducted a site visit to verify the readiness of the Registrar of Voters office for the 2000 General Election.

Summary: During the site visit the Committee found the office to be well organized but understaffed. Staff members were diligent and dedicated to their jobs.

Background: Information was not available as a site visit had not been conducted in many years.

What was Discovered: Interviewed the Registrar of Voters and her staff. The Committee checked ballot delivery, counting procedures, machinery, computers, computer software, security, and voting and registration procedures.

Findings:

1. The Registrar of Voters and her staff are an asset to the County of Lake
2. Due to increase of voter turnout additional staff is needed.

Recommendations

1. Office is in immediate need of a commercial paper shredder and an automatic letter opener.
2. The Registrar of Voters office needs to have additional staff.

Response Requested:

Lake County Board of Supervisors



2004/2005 Grand Jury Report

LAKE COUNTY JUVENILE HALL

Reason for Investigation: Penal Code Section 919(b) requires the Grand Jury to inspect all detention facilities.

Summary: Four site visits and two meetings were conducted. The Grand Jury toured the Juvenile Hall and interviewed all the Wards, monitored classroom activities from video station and met with the Chief Probation Officer and Administration of Education.

Background: The 2004-2005 Grand Jury followed up on recommendations from 2003-2004 Grand Jury.

What was Discovered: The staff, the Wards and the Administrators were all cooperative and responsive.

Findings:

1. Facility capacity is 40 wards.
2. Kitchen on-site not being used.
3. Department of Education is doing all education at facility.
4. Ward responses:
 - A. Not enough food
 - B. Hard to see Probation Officer or Counselor.
 - C. Clothing issues
 - D. Staff treatment is okay
 - E. Need more hands on education
 - F. Rooms are cold.
5. Both meetings with Chief Probation Officer and Head of Education were open and helpful to Grand Jury.
6. Video camera and sound equipment obstructed monitoring of classroom.

Recommendations

1. Expansion needed.
2. Use on-site kitchen to prepare meals.
3. Ward views:
 - A. More food, this could be solved by opening the kitchen.
 - B. More probation officers and counselors needed.
 - C. Clothing needs to fit and returned to same Ward after washing. This could help monitor clothing misuse, etc.
 - D. Educators need to respond to student questions in timely manner (more teachers needed).
 - E. Closer monitoring of building temperature.
4. Remove all obstruction from audio and video equipment
5. A final summary of our experience with Juvenile Hall operations and personnel were favorable. We would like to see a return to using the kitchen as a priority along with expansion of facilities and staff.

Remarks: There is a definite need for more counselors and probation officers. While we realize the problems as well as the solution are held within County budget restraints, it is time for the Board of Supervisors, County Administration, Head of Probation and Head of Education to get together for capital improvement, food preparation and general improvements of the Ward's basic support areas.

Response Requested:

**Lake County Board of Supervisor
County Administration
Probation Officer
Administrator, Board of Education**



2004/2005 Grand Jury Report

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Reason for Investigation: Complaint concerning marijuana seizure on private property by Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Lake County Sheriff.

Summary: Met with complainant November 15, 2005 and with Lake County Sheriff on March 18, 2005.

Background: A personal complaint regarding the search, seizure and tarping of the marijuana loads leaving the private property was received by the Lake County Grand Jury.

What was Discovered: Tarps were not used during the raid and the disposal of the marijuana plants.

Findings:

1. Loads were not tarped before leaving the property.
2. DEA was lead agency. The search and seizure was out of the Lake County purview.
3. Sheriff was aware of the operation and his deputies were on site.
4. Drivers were hired by DEA as well as those from the Sheriff's office
5. Two of transport vehicles were County owned.
6. Sheriff did not see loads departing from the site, but was informed later that no tarps had been used.
7. Stated loads should have been tarped.
8. Since this incident Commanders have been instructed to tarp all loads no matter who is the lead agency.

Recommendations: The Sheriff's Department as well as all County Agencies should be aware of disposal regulations and inform all employees of the tarping rules on all exposed loads.

Remarks: The Lake County Sheriff has instructed his commanders to tarp all loads no matter what agency is in control of the operation.

Response Requested:

Lake County Sheriff's Department



2004/2005 Grand Jury Report

CLEARLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reason for Investigation: Citizen's complaint regarding illegal search.

Summary: Received a complaint regarding two illegal stops and searches by Clearlake Police officers.

Background: Complainant alleges that on two different occasions, once when he was a passenger and once when he was the driver, Clearlake Police officers stopped and illegally searched the vehicles.

What was Discovered: Two traffic stops had been made, one on December 15th; 2003, and one on September 29th, 2004.

Findings:

1. The first vehicle was stopped because the taillight was out.
2. Illegal substances were found on both occasions.
3. Complainant was driving with a suspended driver's license.
4. Both violations are being prosecuted by DA

Recommendations: None

Response Requested:

None



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HILL ROAD JAIL OPERATIONS

Reason for Investigation: Inmate complaint regarding inappropriate jail treatment.

Summary: Met with jail personnel (Commander and officers) and inmate complainant.

Background: Claims of illegal disciplinary actions, lack of proper medical treatment, acts of improper activities of officers and taking money from complainant's account.

What was Discovered: Procedures, policies and files were in order. Meetings of persons in question brought the following:

Findings:

1. Inmates Claims.
 - A. Lack of responses to his grievances
 - B. Poor treatment
 - C. Lack of proper medical treatment
 - D. Improper acts by officers in tower
 - E. Taking money from his account
2. Inmate has been in jail for over two years
3. Inmate has been moved several times, some for disciplinary reasons some for reclassification.
4. Several grievances have been filed by complainant.
5. Medical treatment records show seven incidents.

Recommendations:

1. A. All grievances - appeal forms that we have were answered in a timely manner
- B. Action on complainant's part did bring reactions from officers resulting in charges being filed against inmate.
- C. A toe injury was specified by inmate as a direct cause of his poor medical treatment. X-rays

are not given for this type of injury and medical staff determined, after examining his toe, that it was not a serious injury and proper care was given.

D. Improper acts were said to be observed by inmate from Cell 17 F Pod. Committee visited cell and could not see anything in tower from that location.

E. Money taken from account (\$6.00) was for two requested incidents by inmate to see medical staff. This is policy of jail to charge \$3.00 per request for medical treatment.

2. Inmate claims part of his poor treatment was due to being moved for no reason. Files show otherwise.
3. When we interviewed inmate he seemed fit. He got up and walked to the window explaining how he was able to see out of his cell. Committee found medical treatment was consistent with jail policies.

Response Requested:

None



2004/2005 Grand Jury Report

HILL ROAD JAIL COMPLAINT

Reason for Investigation: Complaint by inmate regarding improper jail treatment.

Summary: Met with supervisor and the aide in question on October 15, 2004.

Background: Claims of poor treatment and harassment of Overlook Tower Personnel.

What was Discovered: Everything appeared to be in order and the rules and regulations were being followed.

Findings:

1. Aide followed procedures that were consistent with Sheriff's policies.
2. Rules are posted throughout the jail for all to read.
3. The aide in question admitted to speaking in a loud voice when she felt there was no response to the first call.
4. Communication loudspeaker feeds do not work in all areas.
5. Staffing does not provide for two or more personnel to be in the overlook area at all times.

Recommendations:

1. In all areas where there is a need, a good working communication feedback should be provided.
2. At least two personnel should be in the overlook area during the daily operation.

Response Requested:

Lake County Sheriff
Jail Commander



2004/2005 Grand Jury Report

KONOCTI CONSERVATION CAMP

Reason for Investigation: Penal Code 919(b) requires Grand Jury to inspect all detention facilities.

Summary: The Grand Jury visited the County supported State facility.

Background: Conducted inspection of the Camp.

What was Discovered: The facility and grounds were well maintained by the inmates.

Findings:

1. Camp is well maintained
2. Inmates were polite and respectful
3. Activities include work projects and facility provides a full maintenance shop.
4. Lunch was excellent and was prepared and served by the inmates.
5. Inmate population of camp is 100

Recommendations:

1. While Camp education is provided, County AODS should ask Camp Supervisor if they could be of help with basic life skills, driver's licenses and resumes.
2. Camp population could and should be increased to 120 inmates. This has been an on-going recommendation for the last several years.

Response Requested:

Lake County Board of Supervisors



2004/2005 Grand Jury Report

DETENTION FACILITIES

Reason for Investigation: Penal Code 919(b) requires Grand Jury to inspect all detention facilities.

Summary: None

Background: Yearly visit of Hill Street Jail, Lakeport Court House and Clearlake Holding Cells required.

What was Discovered: Grand Jury inspected all above facilities on separate occasions.

Findings:

1. All facilities were up to State standards.
2. Some debris was noted at Lakeport Holding Cell (was cleaned up same week of discovery)
3. Repairs to ceiling at Clearlake Holding Cell from last year was completed.

Recommendations:

None

Response Requested:

None



COUNTY OF LAKE
LAKE COUNTY GRAND JURY
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June 1, 2005

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Re: Lake County Health and Social Services (IHSS)

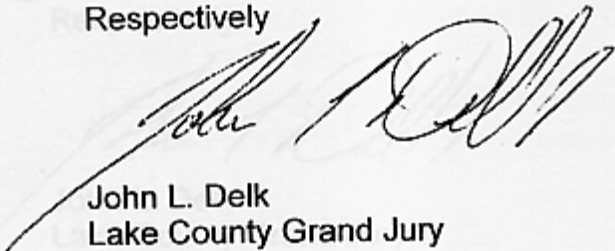
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RESPONSE REQUESTED:

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