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Sheriff / Coroner

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Honorable Andrew Blum
Presiding Judge
Lake County Superior Courts
255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

To the Honorable Judge Andrew W. Blum,

I am writing this letter in accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05 as response to the June 30, 2017 final report from the Lake County Civil Grand Jury. I first want to thank the Court and express my gratitude and appreciation for the volunteers who dedicated many hours by providing this important service to our community. I welcome the opportunity to have oversight and feedback regarding the Sheriff's Office operations, and I constantly strive to improve the professional services provided by this agency to the people in Lake County. In response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report, the Lake County Sheriff's Office respectfully submits the following responses:

Taxpayers Potentially Lose \$Millions\$ on Real Estate Investments (pages 21-26).

Findings

F5 The Sheriff and County officials are allowing two boats with registrations at least two years out of date and no Quagga Muscle stickers to remain in Holiday Harbor. This is a clear violation of County and State laws.

Response: The Sheriff's Office disagrees partially with the finding. The Sheriff's Office agrees that the registration stickers are out of date and there are no Quagga Muscle stickers. The Sheriff's Office disagrees with the statement that the Sheriff is "allowing" the boats in question to remain in Holiday Harbor. The Marina is County owned property which is not under the control of the Sheriff.

R4 Sheriff enforce maritime law and County regulations at Holiday Harbor immediately (F5).

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. The Sheriff's Office enforces maritime law and County regulations at Holiday Harbor. The Marina is County owned property not under the control of the Sheriff. Representatives from the Sheriff's Office have been in contact with the County. The County and the Water Resources Department are working on a contract to provide for vessel abatements around the lake and within Holiday Harbor. The County is working to identify resources to address the problem.

Hill Street Blues (pages 105-106)

Findings:

F1 The staffing of the Hill Road Facility Control/Monitoring room is inadequate.

Response: The Sheriff's Office agrees with the finding.

Recommendations:

- R1** **Two people should staff the Hill Road Facility Control/Monitoring room at all times (F1).** The recommendations has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. No timeframe can be identified for implementation at this time as there are multiple unfilled vacancies. Recruitment efforts for the position of Correctional Aide are repetitive, ongoing, and largely unsuccessful at attracting candidates who are qualified for, and willing to accept employment. Recruitment efforts for Correctional Aides will continue.

In 2016, there were three recruitments to fill these vacancies. As of the writing of this response in 2017, we have had one completed recruitment, and are in the process of a second. In 2016 two Correctional Aides were hired as transfers. One transferred from Lake County Probation when his position was eliminated due to the closure of Juvenile Hall. The second transferred within the Sheriff's Office when her position was eliminated due to the implementation of a contract to provide meal services at the jail.

In 2017, one person was hired as a new Correctional Aide from the eligibility list. When the Sheriff's Office is able to hire enough people to fill the vacant positions, we will staff the Control and Monitoring rooms at all times with two people.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Brian L. Martin

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