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JOHN R. ROBERTSON
Sheriff - Coroner

June 11, 2013

The Honorable Mark S. Boessenecker
Supervising Judge
Napa County Superior Court
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

SUBJECT: Response to the Grand Jury 2012-2013 Final Report on the Integrity of Grand Jury Investigations

Dear Judge Boessenecker,

Napa County Sheriff John Robertson has reviewed the findings and recommendations contained in the 2012-2013 Final Report. The Grand Jury is to be commended for its work on behalf of the citizens of Napa County. This letter is intended to respond to the Findings and Recommendation.

Finding 1. Certain witnesses interviewed by the Grand Jury, knowingly, repeatedly and willfully, violated their lawful secrecy admonition.

RESPONSE: Having no personal information related to this finding, I am unable to agree or disagree with this finding.

Finding 2. The conduct of the witnesses in repeatedly violating the Grand Jury's lawful secrecy admonition created an atmosphere of apprehension and intimidation which impeded the proper investigation of the Grand Jury.

RESPONSE: I agree that if witnesses repeatedly violated the Grand Jury's secrecy admonition, it would create an atmosphere of apprehension and intimidation which would impede the proper investigation of the Grand Jury.

Finding 3. The conduct of the witnesses who violate the secrecy admonition is punishable as contempt of the Superior Court.

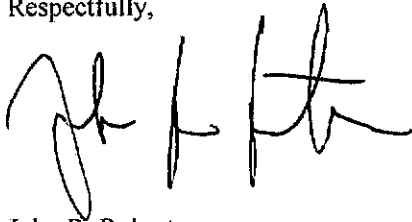
RESPONSE: I agree with this finding.

Recommendation No. 1 That the County Board of Supervisors, the City Council of each incorporated jurisdiction, the County Counsel and every publicly elected official not under the authority of the foregoing provide instruction to all county employees within their jurisdiction regarding their duties and responsibilities towards the grand jury process and that said instruction be completed prior to the end to this calendar year.

RESPONSE: I agree to implement this recommendation this year.

Thank you for assisting with the evaluation of Napa County departments. If you have any questions about these responses, or if I can provide any further information, please feel free to contact me at (707) 259-8717

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John R. Robertson', written in a cursive style.

John R. Robertson
Napa County Sheriff- Coroner

cc: Elizabeth Habkirk – Napa County Executive Office