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TO: THE HONORABLE JOYCE HINRICHS PRESIDING JUDGE OF
THE SUPERIOR COURT

FROM: MICHAEL T. DOWNEY, SHERIFF

RE: RESPONSE TO GRAND REPORT 2014-2015

FLYING AROUND HUMBOLDT AIRPORTS

The Humboldt County Grand Jury noticed Sheriff Michael T. Downey on May 20, 2015 of findings and recommendations contained in the Humboldt County Grand Jury report for 2014-2015. The inquiry addresses the costs and negotiations of such cost associated with providing security to the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport by the Sheriff's Office..

Findings

F15. The Aviation Division is subsidizing a security cost difference of \$85,000.00 at CRCHCA for FY 2014-2015.

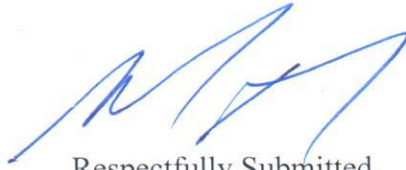
The Respondent Agrees With the Finding

Recommendation No. R15

R15. The Humboldt County Grand Jury recommends that the Public Works' Aviation Division and the Sheriff's Department meet to strategize ways to reduce the costs differential for security services and CRCHCA.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

TSA has indicated that the Humboldt County may return to a 15 minute response to outgoing flights, by the Sheriff's Office during the morning hours due to only (1) one flight departing before noon. This change will significantly reduce the costs for security at CRCHCA and will insure that required security is adequately provided.



Respectfully Submitted,

Michael T. Downey, Sheriff
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Cc: Philip Smith-Hanes, County Administrative Officer