

### **Recommendation No.3**

The Grand Jury of Humboldt County recommends that the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors enter into an agreement with Humboldt Transit Authority to provide tickets for out of town inmates at the time of release to return them to the place they were arrested. If no public transportation serves the place of arrest, and its more than 25 air miles from the Humboldt County Correctional facility, correctional staff must make other, appropriate arrangements pursuant to Penal Code Section 686.5.

The recommendation requires further analysis, prior to any implementation.

*In any case in which a person is arrested and released without trial or in which a person is arrested, tried, and acquitted, if such person is indigent and is released or acquitted at a place to which he has been transported by the arresting agency and which is more than 25 airline miles from the place of his arrest, the arresting agency shall, at his request, return or provide for return of such person to the place of his arrest. Penal Code Section 686.5*

Penal Code Section 686.5 specifies a few requirements, which require analysis and definition, prior to implementation. The first issue deals with the definition of “Indigent” and who would actually qualify under that definition. The other issue deals with the arresting agency and who would be responsible for the transportation.

Finally there is the issue of transportation of the indigent individual and associated costs. I believe the recommendation of contracting with the transit authority is a sound, viable option as long as the transit authority is willing to enter into an agreement.

Correctional Staff is currently collecting other agencies policies as they relate to 686.5 P.C. in order to prepare policy that will comply with the law at which such policy will be implemented and adhered to by staff.

## **GRAND JURY REPORT 2013-2014 HOW TO DEAL WITH CHILDREN IN CRISIS**

### **Recommendation No. 1**

Crisis Intervention Training should be mandatory for all law enforcement officers. The Citizens Enforcement Liaison Committee and Department of Health and Human Services have offered to pay for such training.

The recommendation requires further analysis, prior to any implementation.

This recommendation has been partially implemented with deputies being assigned to Crisis Intervention Training on a regular basis. The training is not applicable to all sworn staff members particularly those assigned to corrections and court services. These employees do not have crisis level contact with juveniles on a regular basis.

Department of Health and Human Services has contributed to such training in the past but I do not know where a funding source would be available from the Citizens Enforcement Liaison Committee (CELC). There is merit in this training and it will be provided as training and funding allows.

**Recommendation No. R2**

The curriculum of Crisis Intervention Training should include responses to children younger than 16 in a life-threatening situation.

The recommendation requires further analysis, prior to any implementation.

Crisis Intervention Training is conducted through the County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and any changes to class structure of the syllabus would be implemented by DHHS. The recommendation is valid and warrants further discussion of structure and implementation.

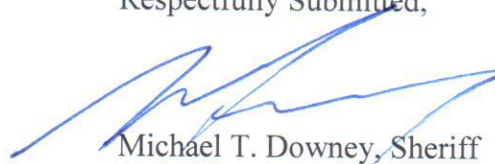
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Professionals of Child Welfare Services (CWS) should be called as a first responder in addition to police when children are in crisis, whether or not such children are already CWS clients.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but may be implemented in the future based upon each agencies desire to participate and availability.

The recommendation is desirable but may be difficult to utilize in every instances dealing with juveniles. Many calls for service are originated during non-traditional work hours and may require the type of response, which does not allow for the delay in a CWS response. Youth in crisis can be very demanding and requires a sound decisive response to conflict in able to avoid injury to the juvenile or other involved parties.

Respectfully Submitted,



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