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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

July 19, 2016

The Honorable Judge Joyce D. Hinrichs, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt  
825 Fifth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Honorable Judge Hinrichs,

I write in response to the letter that I recently received from you dated June 1, 2016. Hopefully, the enclosed information will answer the request that you have made but if not, please feel free to contact me.

**To Hold Or Not To Hold**

**Findings:**

**The Fortuna Police Department disagrees wholly or partially with findings numbered F1, F2 and F3**

**Recommendations numbered R1, R2, R3 have been implemented.**

**Recommendation R1: *The Humboldt County Civil Grand jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department create and initiate a formal process of communication with law enforcement agencies in Humboldt County regarding any and all changes to the booking process of the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.***

The Fortuna Police Department disagrees with this recommendation as we feel that we have a very good process in place that allows for communication between our agency and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. As Chief, I attend the Law Enforcement Chief's Association Humboldt (LECAH) meetings once a month, where I meet personally with the Sheriff, Under Sheriff or his designee. We have discussed in detail the guidelines of the HCCF booking process and I have brought that information back to the FPD and communicated to staff. I also frequently communicate with command staff at the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office via email and have found that the HCSO is very responsive to any questions or comments I have regarding issues such as the booking process.

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**Recommendation R2:** *The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, develop a new holding form that arresting officers can use to ensure that felons who should not be released will not be released.*

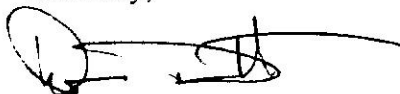
The Fortuna Police Department disagrees with this recommendation as we feel that there is already a procedure in place that addresses this recommendation, with the Request for Non-Release form that is completed by the arresting officer and is available at the HCCF.

**Recommendation R3:** *The Humboldt County Civil grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department and all local law enforcement agencies instruct their officers on the existence and proper use of the new Humboldt County Correctional Facilities form.*

The Fortuna Police Department agrees with this recommendation and has instructed all sworn staff on the existence and proper use of the Request for Non-release form and the Misdemeanor Incarceration Form.

I hope that the information provided meets your request. If you should need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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City of Fortuna

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