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DATE: July 21, 2015  
TO: THE HONORABLE JOYCE HINRICHS PRESIDING JUDGE OF  
THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FROM: MICHAEL T. DOWNEY, SHERIFF  
RE: RESPONSE TO GRAND REPORT 2014-2015

RECEIVED  
JUL 24 2015  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY  
GRAND JURY

## “Humboldt County Jail Sites visit Report”

The Humboldt County Grand Jury noticed Sheriff Michael T. Downey on June 22, 2015 of findings and recommendations contained in the Humboldt County Grand Jury report for 2014-2015. The inquiry addresses conditions at the Sheriff’s Boat Shed regarding the storage of evidence and lack of weather-secured storage.

### Findings

F3. The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Department Boatyard facilities are inadequate to accommodate the amount and type of equipment and evidence stored.

### The Respondent Agrees With the Finding

### Recommendation No. R3

R3. The Humboldt County Grand Jury recommends the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Department Boatyard provide weather-secured storage for perishable equipment.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented when a more secure site can be economically procured.

The Sheriff’s Boat Shed has been utilized for the storage of evidence and equipment for 30 plus years. The space has been updated and reconfigured a number of times, over the years, in an attempt to facilitate enhanced security of evidence and equipment. The Sheriff’s has made significant positive changes over the past few months to the facility. A larger enclosed storage area is desirable but rent for such spaces prohibit any such changes at this time.



Respectfully Submitted,

Michael T. Downey, Sheriff  
Humboldt County

Cc: Philip Smith-Hanes, County Administrative Officer