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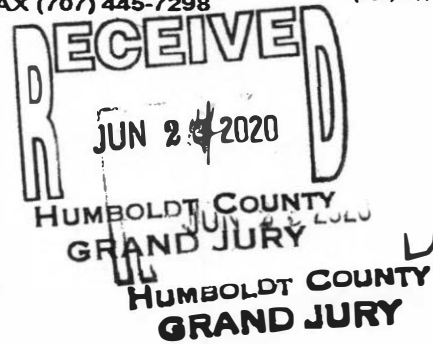
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June 22, 2020

Grand Jury
Humboldt County Superior Court
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501



RE: Grand Jury 2020 Report: Angels in Orange

Dear Honorable Grand Jury Members,

Attached is my response to the Grand Jury report on "Angels in Orange." We have had ongoing discussions with California Department of Rehabilitation and CAL FIRE regarding sending qualified sentenced inmates to a local fire camp. We are in the process of signing a contract to accomplish this goal. I appreciate the Grand Jury's report, findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. F. Honsal".

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2020 RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Angles in Orange

Report Date: 5/22/2020

Response by: W. Honsal, Sheriff, County of Humboldt



FINDINGS

1. The Sheriff disagrees partly with finding 3. The Sheriff's office has had an ongoing dialogue with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding sending sentenced inmates to Fire Camps.

RECOMMENDATIONS R2

1. Recommendations numbered R2 has not been implemented, however, we are considering implementation in the near future.

Date: 6/22/2020

Signed: 

Number of pages attached: 1

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT – RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSE SUMMARY STATEMENT

Recommendations

R2 The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and Humboldt County Sheriff's Office coordinate to identify willing and qualified inmates for shorter work assignments that do not require extensive training. These discussions should be initiated by October 1, 2020.

Response

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) continues to have a good working relationship with CDCR and Cal Fire. HCSO is in full support of CDCR local fire camps and our Sheriff's Work Alternative Programs. For years HCSO has been interested in sending inmates to the local fire camps, however, due to modifications of sentences and qualified inmate availability we have been unable to participate. For several years the Sheriff's Office Admin team has been evaluating our jail population and assessing the available inmates and their sentences to determine eligibility for the fire camp program. HCSO is currently working on a contract with CDCR to send qualified sentenced inmates into the fire camp when feasible. The processing of the contract has currently been slowed by COVID and reduction of contract staff for CDCR. We are optimistic to have a contract in place by October 1, 2020.

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