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2021-22 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY GRAND JURY

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The Grand Jury releases the following report:

Inspection Report For San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement And Detention Facilities

The 2021-2022 Grand Jury inspected the Jails and Detention facilities located in San Luis Obispo County as required by law. With 20 findings and 13 recommendations the report is greatly detailed with our inspection resulting in several areas that we find need improvement.

The most critical ones deal with having to send incarcerated prisoners to the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) from County Jail for treatment without custodial care of the sheriff deputies. Incidents in the past jury term where damage was done by inmates impacts care of those patients, not from the jail, and the workers at the PHF. The proximity of the County Safe Parking Area to the honor farm has resulted in increased contraband in the jail system.

The Sheriff responded to the Department of Justice Investigation concerning mistreatment of inmates in October 2021. The Grand Jury investigated the incidents and respond as part of our review. The changes initiated by the Sheriff resulted in disciplinary actions and changes at the Jail. The significant change in the inmate population mental health has resulted in changes at Kansas Max with positive results. We recommend the review of the report for further details.

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