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April 3, 2025

The Honorable Vicki Ashworth
Presiding Judge of the El Dorado County Superior Court
495 Main Street
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: El Dorado County 2024-2025 Grand Jury Case 25-02, October 2, 2024.

The Honorable Vicki Ashworth,

My office has reviewed the three Grand Jury reports (Jail, Dispatch, and High-Tech Crime Unit) and has responded in accordance with governing law. If you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my staff.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leikauf
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RE: El Dorado County 2024-2025 Grand Jury Case 25-02, October 2, 2024, Inspection of County Jails

The Honorable Vicki Ashworth,

This Office has received and reviewed a report by the El Dorado County Grand Jury relating to the "Inspection of County Jails, Case 25-02, dated February 11, 2025."

Sheriff's Response to the Grand Jury Finding

- F1.** *The California Code of Regulations mandates the implementation of annual multi-hazard practice drills, including fire drills. These requirements apply to both adult and juvenile facilities. State law requires districts to implement multi-hazard practice drills (e.g., fire, lockdown, active shooter, or evacuation drills) without requiring inter-agency coordination. Drills have not been completed at either jail per these requirements.*

The Sheriff agrees with this finding.

As of March 7, 2025, both jails, Placerville, and South Lake Tahoe, have completed a spontaneous scenario-based fire drill.

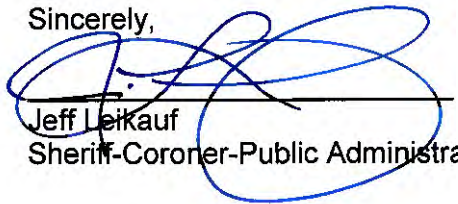
Sheriff's Response to the Grand Jury's Recommendations

- R1** *Develop and implement a plan to resume annual multi-hazard practice drills, including fire drills at each jail by September 1, 2025.*

Response:

The Sheriff Office currently has policy (EDSO Custody Manual 4. Emergency Planning) which outlines requirements, roles, and responsibilities. The Sheriff's Office will implement the policy in compliance with the law.

Sincerely,



Jeff Leikauf

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