

MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Undersheriff

June 15, 2004

Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Dr., Room 303
San Rafael, CA 94903

AREA CODE 415

24-HOUR NUMBER
499-7233

Subject: Response to the 2003-2004 Marin County Grand Jury Report of
June 8, 2004 Regarding Civic Center Security Revisited

FAX
507-4126

Dear Marin County Civil Grand Jury Foreperson:

ADMINISTRATION
499-7250

The following reply is pursuant to the requirements of Penal Code Section 933.05, regarding the Marin County Grand Jury Report dated June 8, 2004, Civic Center Security Revisited. Although the report contains six findings and four recommendations the Grand Jury has only requested that we respond to Recommendation #4.

CIVIL
499-7282

Before I do that, I would like to compliment the Grand Jury Committee who reviewed the Building Security for a thorough, objective report. In my opinion, it is the first report on Building Security that really recognizes that the Frank Lloyd Wright/Civic Center Hall of Justice is a very difficult building to provide security for unless you make many expensive changes, and, basically, make the building a fortress.

COMMUNICATION
SERVICES
499-7243

Grand Jury Recommendation #4:

Create a source of visible security by adding "police security officers" (i.e., non-sworn employees whose level of training and compensation is below those of police officers or sheriff's deputies.)

EMERGENCY
SERVICES
499-6584

INVESTIGATIONS
499-7265

Sheriff's Department's Reply to Recommendation #1:

I agree with the notion of providing visible security in the building but I do not agree with the use of non-sworn security officers.

JAIL
499-6655

Several years ago, the Board of Supervisors requested my office make recommendations to enhance security in the building. One of the alternatives was to make the Civic Center a geographical walking patrol beat. This would accomplish two things; one, it provides visible security, and two; it would provide two-teamed deputy sheriffs to respond to potential problems. Non-sworn security officers have no police powers. If they came upon or responded to a problem, they wouldn't really be able to do much more than an employee. That would be to pick up the telephone and call our Dispatch Center.

MAJOR CRIMES
TASK FORCE
884-4878

PATROL
499-7233

RECORDS
499-7284

WARRANTS
499-7297

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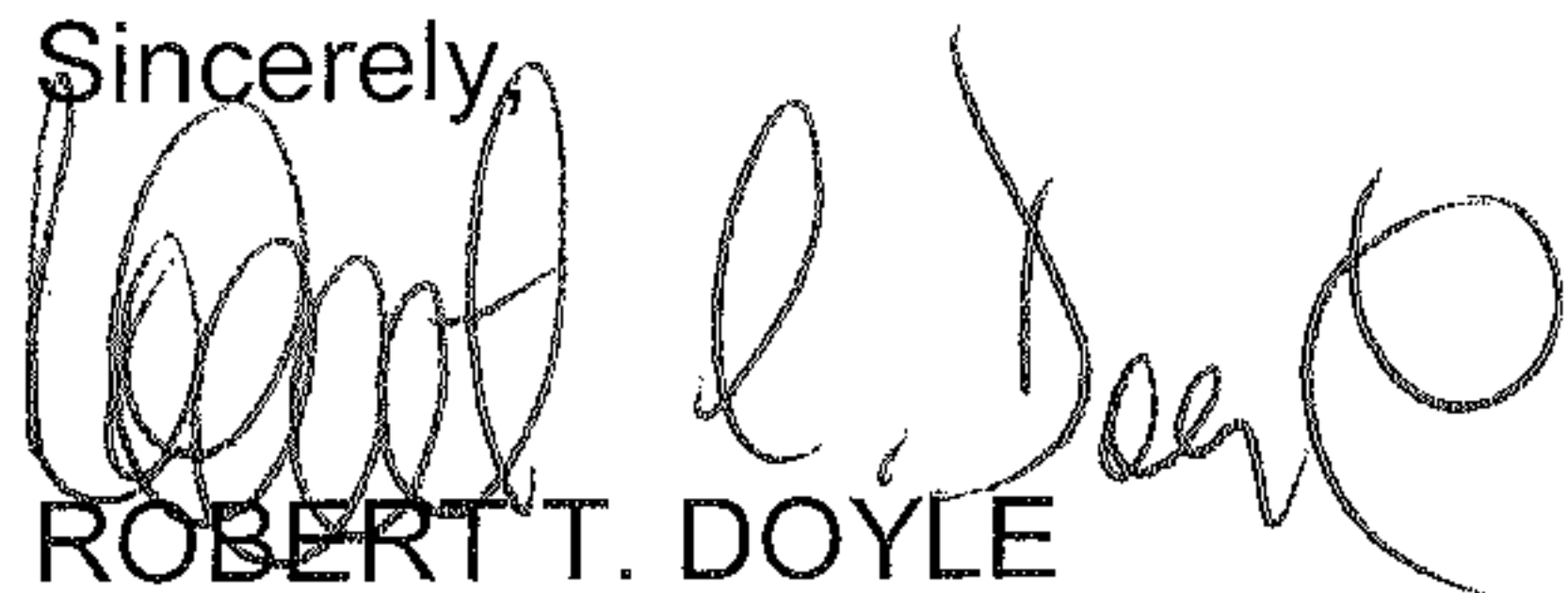
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I agree with the recommendation in terms of visible persons but I disagree with the part of the recommendation to use security officers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert T. Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

ROBERT T. DOYLE
SHERIFF

cc: Members, Board of Supervisors
Mark Riesenfeld, County Administrator
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Marin County Grand Jury

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Civic Center Security Revisited

Report Date: June 8, 2004

Response by: Robert T. Doyle Title: Sheriff

FINDINGS

- I/we agree with the findings numbered: _____.
- I/we disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____.
* Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
* Attach a summary describing the implemented actions
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future
* Attach a timeframe for the implementation
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis
* Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury report
- Recommendations numbered R4 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable
* Attach an explanation

Date: 6/16/04

Signed: 

Number of pages attached: 2.