June 12, 2015

Honorable Risë Jones Pichon, Presiding Judge
Santa Clara County Superior Court
191 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Judge Pichon:

In response to the letter from the Civil Grand Jury dated June 3, 2015, Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents, the Grand Jury made one (1) finding pertaining to the SCC Office of the Sheriff.

(6) The Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Protocol for Santa Clara County Law Enforcement, dated July 2010, has not been revised in five years, is over 100 pages long, and should be revised and shortened.

The Sheriff’s Office agrees with the finding.

The Grand Jury further made one (1) recommendation to the SCC Office of the Sheriff for the above finding:

(6K) The Office of the Sheriff of Santa Clara County, as a member of the Police Chiefs’ Association of Santa Clara County, should advocate for revision of the Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Protocol for Santa Clara County Law Enforcement.

Sheriff Laurie Smith will advocate to the SCC Police Chiefs’ Association for revision of the Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Protocol for Santa Clara County Law Enforcement.

The Grand Jury further made one (1) recommendation to the SCC Department of Correction for the above finding:
(6N) The Santa Clara County Department of Correction, as a member of the Police Chiefs' Association of Santa Clara County, should advocate for revision of the Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Protocol for Santa Clara County Law Enforcement.

The SCC Department of Correction is not a part of the SCC Police Chiefs’ Association; however, Sheriff Laurie Smith will advocate to the SCC Police Chiefs’ Association for revision of the Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Protocol for Santa Clara County Law Enforcement.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Laurie Smith