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Santa Clara County's Civil Grand Jury Releases Report *Police and the Mentally Ill: Improving Outcomes*

SAN JOSÉ, Calif. (May 9, 2018): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara announces the release the Civil Grand Jury's Report: *Police and the Mentally Ill: Improving Outcomes*.

Nearly one-third of police shootings in Santa Clara County arise from encounters with someone in a mental-health crisis. In nine of the 31 fatal shootings by law enforcement officers in the past five years, mental illness was a primary factor.

The Grand Jury analyzed crisis intervention training offered by every law-enforcement agency in the county.

The Grand Jury recommends all law enforcement officers receive additional crisis intervention and de-escalation training to prepare officers to deal with people who are behaving irrationally. Training should include role-playing video simulations.

The Grand Jury also recommends that the county deploy additional mobile crisis intervention teams staffed by mental-health professionals.

All Grand Jury reports are available online at the Superior Court's website:
http://www.sccourt.org/court_divisions/civil/cgj/grand_jury.shtml

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