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The Honorable Suzanne N. Kingsbury
 Presiding Judge of the El Dorado County Superior Court
 1354 Johnson Blvd.
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RE: El Dorado County Grand Jury Case 18-03, May 20, 2019 Jail Inspections

The Honorable Suzanne N. Kingsbury,

This Office has received and reviewed a report by the El Dorado County Grand Jury relating to the "Jail and Juvenile Detention Centers Inspections, Case 18-03, dated May 15, 2019."

Sheriff's Response to the Grand Jury Findings

F1. *Some over-the-counter medicines at the South Lake Tahoe jail had expired.*

The Sheriff disagrees wholly with the finding.

The medications that were identified as being expired during the Grand Jury tour of the El Dorado County Jail in South Lake Tahoe on November 20, 2018 had been removed from cabinets, as they were set to expire at the end of the month. Though the medication noted expiration dates of 11/2018, they did not expire until the last day of the month at which time they were discarded.

F2. *The hood and the vent at the South Lake Tahoe jail kitchen had a noticeable buildup of grease on it.*

The Sheriff agrees with this finding.

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F3. *Metal detectors are working and being used in both jail facilities.*

The Sheriff disagrees with this finding.

Metal detectors are currently being used for all visitors at the South Lake Tahoe jail.

Sheriff's Response to the Grand Jury Recommendations

R1. *All expired over-the-counter medicines at the South Lake Tahoe jail should be discarded.*

Recommendation has been implemented.

Medicine expiration dates are reviewed monthly by medical staff. Medicine that expires that month are removed from the storage cabinet to be used first. On the last day of the expiration month, unused medicine is appropriately discarded.

R2. *Grease should be removed from the hood and the vent in the South Lake Tahoe jail kitchen.*

Recommendation has been implemented.

The hood and vent in the South Lake Tahoe jail kitchen are cleaned on a weekly basis by kitchen staff. The hood and vent are also on schedule to be cleaned and serviced twice a year by a contracted vendor. This service is scheduled to occur on 6/19/19, and is also planned to occur in the month of October.

R3. *Continue to use full-body metal detectors for all visitors.*

Recommendation has not been implemented but implementation is anticipated to occur in September 2019.

The Sheriff's Office is currently working on the purchase of a metal detector to be installed in the Placerville jail for the screening of all visitors.

Sincerely,



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