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Honorable Janis Sammartino
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
San Diego Superior Court
220 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Honorable Janis Sammartino:

The Mayor's Office and the National City Police Department have conducted a review of the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations on Felony Warrants. The responses listed below convey the City and Police Department's efforts and commitments in this area.

Grand Jury's Recommendation – Item No. 06-70

The Mayor's Office and the National City Police Department have considered the significant benefits of joining the San Diego Regional Task Force. This includes outstanding Felony Warrant apprehension already established under the auspices of the San Diego Office of the United States Marshall.

Response to Item No. 06-70

- (a)(1) – The Mayor's Office and the National City Police Department agree with the finding.
- (b)(4) – The Mayor's Office and the National City Police Department will not implement the recommendation at this time because it is not reasonable, due to police staffing shortages and the lack of sufficient funds to pay the salary and benefits of an officer assigned to the San Diego Regional Task Force.

Grand Jury's Recommendation – Item No. 06-71

The Mayor's Office and the National City Police Department have considered the recommendation that one officer, from each law-enforcement agency, be assigned to the task force.

Response to Item No. 06-71

- (a)(1) – The Mayor's Office and the National City Police Department agree with the finding.

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(b)(4) – The Mayor’s Office and the National City Police Department will not implement the recommendation at this time because it is not reasonable, due to police staffing shortages and the lack of sufficient funds to pay the salary and benefits of an officer assigned to the San Diego Regional Task Force.

Grand Jury’s Recommendation – Item No. 06-72

The Mayor’s Office and the National City Police Department have considered the recommendation to create a data base to search all applications presented for any governmental assistance, benefit or privilege. This would include, but not be limited to, all applicants for driver’s licenses, veteran’s benefits, workers compensation, unemployment benefits, professional licenses, all vehicle registrations, and other applicable sources.

Response to Item No. 06-72

(a)(1) – The Mayor’s Office and the National City Police Department agree with the finding.

(b)(3) – The recommendation requires further analysis and review by the City’s Technology Department. The results of the analysis and review will outline the software and hardware necessary to implement such a data base. This time frame shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury report.

Grand Jury’s Recommendation – Item No. 06-73

The Mayor’s Office and the National City Police Department have considered the recommendation to fund San Diego Law Enforcement Agencies programs of “Wanted” billboards.

Response to Item No. 06-73

(a)(1) – The Mayor’s Office and the National City Police Department agree with the finding.

(b)(4) – The Mayor’s Office and the National City Police Department will not implement the recommendation at this time because it is not reasonable, due to the lack of sufficient funds to pay for the San Diego Law Enforcement Agencies programs of “Wanted” billboards.

Grand Jury’s Recommendation – Item No. 06-74

The Mayor’s Office and the National City Police Department have considered the recommendation to install the E-Warrant computer program in patrol vehicles of all community Law Enforcement Agencies in San Diego County and San Diego City.

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Response to Item No. 06-74

(a)(1) – The Mayor’s Office and the National City Police Department agree with the finding.

(b)(3) – The recommendation requires further analysis. The initial review of the data has determined that the E-Warrant System is available to county users. Currently the department’s resources do not allow access to the E-Warrant Computer System. This matter will be further investigated and presented for discussion to the command staff members. We expect to follow up with the Grand Jury within six months.

Grand Jury’s Recommendation – Item No. 06-75

The Mayor’s Office has considered the recommendation to sponsor legislation that will provide law-enforcement agencies with additional tools to apprehend felons through integration of information from DMV, Social Security, Veterans pensions and other State and Federal agencies.

Response to Item No. 06-75

(a)(1) – The Mayor’s Office agrees with the finding and supports such legislation.

(b)(3) - The Mayor’s Office will require further research and cost analysis of this proposed legislation. The results of the research and cost analysis will be submitted to the City Manager and City Council for either recommendations for or development of an effective legislation. This time frame shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury report.

Grand Jury’s Recommendation – Item No. 06-76

The Mayor’s Office has considered the recommendation to give apprehension of outstanding Felony Warrant offenders a greater priority than currently appears to be the norm.

Response to Item No. 06-76

(a)(1) – The Mayor’s Office agrees with the finding.


(b)(4) – The Mayor’s Office will not implement this item until the conclusion of the research and the cost analysis for item number 06-75. As such, based on the information presented in the analysis, further consideration will be given to this recommendation.

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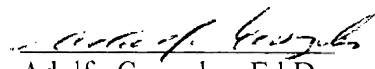
The Mayor's Office and the National City Police Department are committed to working collaboratively with the Grand Jury to meet the finding and recommendations of their report. However, the timelines submitted for each item could be extended due to unforeseen circumstances or information discovered while attempting to implement the recommended findings.

If you have any questions, please contact Captain Leonard Knight, Operations Division, National City Police Department at (619) 336-4512.

Sincerely,



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City of National City



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Chief of Police