

OCEANSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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CORE VALUES

Trust
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Honorable John S. Einhorn
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
220 W. Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Judge Einhorn,

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This letter is in response to the "Arrested in San Diego County" report by the grand jury dated June 15, 2005 pursuant to Penal Code § 933.05. In their report, the grand jury indicated the following finding: "The Oceanside Police Department does not provide adequate protection for sworn staff in the Sally Port." They based this upon their fact statement: "The Sally Port at the Oceanside Police Department does not have a means of securing an incoming arrestee."

The grand jury's fact statement is correct in that there is not a fixed point security method of securing prisoner within the sally port. However the sally port design is similar in design to that utilized by any Sheriff's Department booking facility. These facilities are in compliance with CCR Title 15 and/or Title 24. Prisoners are brought into this area while secured in handcuffs. The handcuffs are not removed in this area. Addition of a fixed point security site would place unnecessary obstacles or protuberances upon the walls or floors within the sally port area. Current procedures are appropriate to insure the safety (protection) of the officers, and no other means of securing the arrestee further are necessary.

The grand jury recommended that the Oceanside Police Department "Install shackle-anchor points in the Sally Port to secure arrestees while the officers are stowing their weapons." It is my position that this recommendation will not be implemented because it does not meet any compliance criteria, does not remedy an officer safety issue, and does not enhance already existing security policies.

I wish to thank the grand jury for their concern for the safety of the members of the Oceanside Police Department, and I look forward working with them in the future.

Sincerely,



Manny Castillo, Acting Chief of Police