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Honorable Donna L. Stashyn Presiding Judge of the Superior Court County of Solano 600 Union Avenue Fairfield, CA 94533

## Re: Sheriff-Coroner's Response to 2019-2020 Solano County Grand Jury Report – Solano County Sheriff-Coroner's Office

Judge Stashyn:

Under Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, I am responding to the following recommendations contained in the 2019-2020 Grand Jury Report that pertain to matters under my control as the Solano County Sheriff-Coroner:

**<u>Finding 1</u>** – Solano County elected a Sheriff-Coroner and employs ninety Deputy Sheriffs. Currently, only forty are trained as Deputy Sheriff-Coroners to perform the duties of Deputy Coroner, limiting the availability of trained Deputies.

Response to Finding 1 – I agree with this finding.

**Recommendation 1** – Solano County Sheriff-Coroner's Office establish a timeline to train all deputies to perform the duties of Sheriff-Deputy Coroner.

**Response to Recommendation 1a** – This recommendation will be implemented. Since the time of the Grand Jury visit, an additional 12 deputy sheriffs are trained as deputy coroners. We are continuing to schedule more for the training and intend to reach 100% Coroner-trained Deputy Sheriffs in the future. A timeline to reach this objective will be developed in FY 2020-21.

I would like to thank the Solano County Grand Jury for their time invested in this matter and for their report of findings and recommendations. As always, the recommendations and comments of the Solano County Grand Jury are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Thomas A. Ferrara Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Solano County Grand Jury County Administrator's Office

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