

Detention Facility Inspections

Pursuant to Penal Code 919(b), the Grand Jury shall inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county. The Grand Jury fulfilled this requirement as follows:

- toured each detention facility at least once and inspected the conditions
- interviewed staff during the tour and made follow-up phone calls/e-mails
- read the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office 2002 Annual Report
- read past Grand Jury reports and responses relating to detention facilities
- read California Code of Regulations pertaining to detention facilities
- researched various web sites pertaining to detention facilities and incarceration

In addition to the Grand Jury's charge, each year the State Board of Corrections performs two reviews of County penal facilities. These reviews are done separately and include:

- a) an evaluation of the physical operation and management of each facility to ensure compliance with mandatory State standards
- b) an audit of the financial management of each facility

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