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Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
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1997 Bureau Of Justice Assistance Block Grant Completion

Dear Members of the Board:

On September 16, 1997 your Board approved the implementation of the second of a series of two year Federal block grants funded through the Bureau Of Justice Assistance (BJA). This second block grant, in the amount of \$154,509, commenced on April 16, 1998 and was successfully completed on April 16, 2000. This letter is intended to provide your Board with a summary of items acquired through this grant which have had a very positive impact on front line law enforcement operations over the past two years.

Federal funds for the 1997-98 BJA Block Grant were received on April 16, 1998 and deposited into an interest bearing Trust Fund established by the County Auditor Controller as authorized by your Board. Grant regulations require that all grant funds and associated interest be expended within two years of this date. Over the past two years your Board, acting on the positive recommendations of the local BJA Advisory Group, has approved a number of grant related purchases in support of our community policing and front-line law enforcement activities. Without this block grant these expenditures would have greatly strained existing County resources or simply not been made due to County budget constraints.

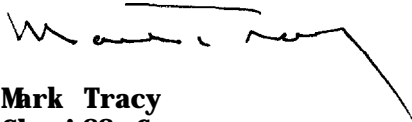
Over the past two years a total of \$160,390 in grant funds and associated interest has been expended on infrastructure to expand community policing and front-line law enforcement activities. \$8,856 was spent for police safety equipment consisting of safety lights and sirens for our Problem Oriented Policing (POP) and Gang Enforcement Team (GET) vehicles along with tactical flash-

lights for Special Operations. \$50,889 was spent on refitting, maintenance and operational costs of Sheriff's redeployed vehicles assigned to community policing activities and gang suppression. \$65,102 was spent on equipment for our four Community Policing Service Centers consisting of 8 desk top computer systems, 5 CAD computer systems, 4 photocopiers, 4 computer printers, a camcorder and cellular phones for front-line patrol vehicles. Finally, \$35,543 was spent on mobile equipment including 12 police car radios, 1 new patrol vehicle for gang suppression activities and 7 walkie-talkies for new deputy sheriff positions assigned to Patrol. \$17,168 in local matching funds, required by the grant, also funded important acquisitions including police safety equipment for patrol vehicles, cellular phones for our detectives, and maintenance costs of the new computer systems at the Service Centers.

BJA guidelines require that all federal funds and accrued interest for this block grant be fully expended by 4/16/2000. Working closely with the Auditor Controller's Office and County Purchasing we have complied with this requirement. On 12/7/99 your Board adopted Resolution 468-99 which budgeted the remaining and unspent grant funds and accrued interest for the final expenditures associated with this grant in the Sheriff's FY 99/00 budget. As a result, no additional fiscal actions are necessary to balance grant revenues with expenditures in order to close out this grant award.

Therefore it is Recommended that the Board accept this report on the activities and benefits of the 1997 Bureau of Justice Assistance Block Grant. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for its support of our BJA Block Grant program and our community policing efforts.

Very truly yours,



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Sheriff Coroner

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