

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

MARK TRACY SHERIFF-CORONER

August 30, 2000

Agenda:

September 12, 2000

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Board of Supervisors County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa **Cruz**, CA 95060

VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY (VINE)

Dear Members of the Board:

During our 99/00 budget we were approved to purchase and install the VINE system. This system in its simplest terms, allows crime victims to contact an automated computer hotline 24 hours a day to receive information about the status of an incarcerated offender. By registering a telephone number with the system, a victim will be called immediately if the offender is transferred or released.

On September 27, 2000, we are going "live" with this new system. We have been working closely with the Information Services Department and are confident in its success. We have reserved the Holiday Inn for training sessions and a media briefing.

The morning sessions will consist of a media announcement and training for Victim Service Providers, Community Service Providers, School Counselors, Child Protective Service Staff, First Responders (Hospital **staff**, rape crisis, etc) and the Victim/Domestic Violence Task Force. Coffee, tea, muffins and rolls will be provided. The afternoon sessions will consist of training for all local and State Law Enforcement Agencies. This will include all Police Departments, California Highway Patrol, Deputy Sheriffs and Correctional Officers. Soda and cookies will be provided. We are anticipating an attendance of over 150 people.

The Sheriffs Office believes that this will be a huge milestone for victims of violent crime and abuse in Santa Cruz County. Extensive effort is being made to promote this important program and unique training opportunity to assist victims, service providers and law enforcement agencies.

The Sheriffs Office researched a number of facilities and evaluated their suitability and capacity for this special event, including County sites. The Holiday Inn was selected as the most appropriate location to handle this training. It is anticipated that the total cost will not exceed \$1,198 for the rental of the room, food and beverages, We currently have these funds budgeted in

662300.

It is therefore recommended that your Board AUTHORIZE funds not to exceed the amount of \$1,198 for the purchase of food and drinks and Holiday Inn Room Rental for the VINE conference.

Sincerely, MARK TRACY Sheriff-Coroner

Steve Robbins

by Steve Robbins, Chief Deputy Acting, Sheriff-Coroner

Attachment

cc: Sheriff-Coroner Auditor-Controller General Services

RECOMMENDED:

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SUSAN A MAURIELLO County Administrative Officer