



## Police Department

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June 29, 2016

Greg Schlitz, Foreperson  
2015-2016 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury  
P.O. Box 4910  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403

RE: Grand Jury Report regarding Bale Enhancement

Dear Greg,

I have reviewed the report concerning the Grand Jury Report titled "Dangerous Criminals: Does Law Enforcement Do Everything Possible to Keep Them in Custody". In reference to recommendations made by the Grand Jury, the SLOPD will implement recommendation 3, which states:

R.3. Local law enforcement agencies should work with the District Attorney in the development of the above policies and programs within the resources of their respective departments.

Recommendation 1 and 2 are for the DA's office to coordinate with local agencies. SLOPD will work cooperatively with the DA's office to further develop our existing policy and procedures. SLOPD has trained all officers since notification of the issue was brought forth in April. We have also implemented a new procedure in that officers will receive critical information/policies each year with their annual review. That information includes, but is not limited to the process and reasons for obtaining a bail enhancement. Additionally, bail enhancement training has been added to the Field Training Officers required training for new employees. This was implemented in May, 2016.

As previously mentioned, SLOPD's policy manual, Lexipol, discusses bail enhancement in section 319.9.6 entitled "Declaration In Support of Bail Enhancement". This section is specific to domestic violence cases. We will be expanding it to be an independent section to ensure that any arrestee meeting the criteria for bail enhancement is considered by our officers. This will be completed by July 31, 2016.

SLOPD will rely on Penal Code Section 1269c when considering whether a bail increase is appropriate. This language will also be incorporated into department policy. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deanna Cantrell".

Deanna Cantrell  
Chief of Police



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## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Keeping Suspects in Custody: When is Scheduled Bail Not Enough?

Report Date: June 30, 2016

Response by: Deanna Cantrell Title: Police Chief - SLO

### FINDINGS

1. I (we) agree with the findings numbered: 1-7
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: N/A  
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered N/A have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implementation actions.)
2. Recommendations numbered R3 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.) See attached
3. Recommendations numbered N/A require further analysis.  
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of the publication of the Grand Jury report.)
4. Recommendations numbered N/A will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 06-29-2016

Signed: 

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