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This history of investigations is a record of reports issued by Mendocino County Grand Juries since 1982. This record, in addition to being of interest to the public, provides guidance for future Grand Juries.

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