

# **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HOLDING CELL**

*January 18, 2007*

## **Summary**

In accordance with duties required, the Grand Jury visited the Fort Bragg Police Department (FBPD), their facilities, and a holding cell on the adjoining property of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

## **Background**

California Penal Code §919 (b) states "The Grand Jury shall inquire into the condition and management of public prisons within the county." The Grand Jury also has a general authority to review city affairs under Penal Code §925 (a). The 2006/2007 Mendocino County Grand Jury undertook their charge with a visit to the FBPD and holding cell.

## **Methods**

The Grand Jury interviewed Police Department personnel, visited the holding cell facility and the evidence room, and reviewed documents including budget, inspection reports, and evidence room tracking records.

## **Findings**

1. The Grand Jury found the FBPD facility to be well managed and maintained.
2. The holding cell is clean and recently modified to prevent injury to prisoners, either self-inflicted, or otherwise. The cell requires painting to complete the modifications.

**Response (General Services Agency Director):** The GSA Director agrees with this finding.

3. New evidence management policy and procedures have been implemented since the 2005-2006 Grand Jury visit.

## **Recommendation**

The Grand Jury recommends that:

1. Modification of the holding cell be completed. (Finding 2)

**Response (General Services Agency Director):** The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The General Services Agency will have implemented this recommendation by February 28, 2007.

## **Response Required**

Director, Mendocino County Department of General Services. (Finding 2, Recommendation 1)

Chief, Fort Bragg Police Department (All Findings and Recommendation 1)

***Response Requested***

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors (All Findings and Recommendation 1)

Sheriff, Mendocino County Sheriff's Department (All Findings and Recommendation 1)