The Honorable Christopher R. Chandler  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California 
County of Sutter 
446 Second Street 
Yuba City, CA 95991

Re: 2009-2010 Grand Jury Report - Yuba City Police Department

Dear Judge Chandler:

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Yuba City Police Department, I would like to express my gratitude to the Grand Jury for their assessment of the agency. The time and energy that the Criminal Justice Sub-Committee spent at the police department was commendable.

**Grant Funding recommendations for pursuing funds to equip patrol cars with video cameras and acquire a DUI trailer:** The Yuba City Police Department is happy to report that the department was able to obtain grant money from the Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of over $200,000. This money will be used for directed enforcement of driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; the department was able to purchase a new DUI trailer which will be utilized for sobriety check points. The department also purchased 10 video cameras for installment in patrol vehicles, with the goal of obtaining 10 more in 2010. These were purchased with grant money obtained through the State of California. We continue to seek grant money to help fund programs for the benefit of the citizens of Yuba City and the County of Sutter.

**Police Operations:** The Grand Jury Criminal Sub-Committee spent several hours touring the Police Department. We appreciate their recognition of the sacrifices that our staff has made during these trying economic times. As the economy of the nation and state affects the city government and the budget before us, we will continue to examine all avenues of streamlining our operations with minimal impact to the community in an effort to save costs at the Police Department.

We realize that the magnitude of the economic events have put us in the position of making cuts in all areas of operations, inclusive of a 5% furlough program by the employees. The budget affects all areas of the City and we as a department have an obligation to explore all cost saving measures, which we continue to do.
With respect to utilizing Reserve Officers and volunteer staff, this department has always been a strong proponent of both programs and will continue in our efforts at recruiting and maximizing the use of volunteers at the Yuba City Police Department.

Once again, thank you for the findings and recommendation of the Grand Jury. They are an integral part in ensuring checks and balances are maintained in the public entities of this city and county.

Respectfully yours,

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ROBERT D. LANDON
Chief of Police

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