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Honorable Judge Donald Segerstrom 
Tuolumne County Superior Court
60 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Re: Response to Grand Jury in regards to Continuity/Response Committee Report
concerning the District Attorney's Case Management System

Dear Judge Segerstrom:

Requested in the 2015-16 Grand Jury report is follow-up information on the District Attorney Office's Criminal Case Management System called Prosecutor by Karpel (Karpel). In summary, the County Information Technology Division (IT) has worked with the District Attorney's Office (D.A.) and Karpel to work through a "punch list" of items which will give the D.A. the promised benefits of this software system. At times, Karpel's response to inquiries has been slow, but as will be shown below, the County is pleased to report significant progress on the issues identified by the Grand Jury.

Issue #1: Can the D.A. transfer files between departments?

Answer: The County IT Analyst assigned to the D.A. worked with Karpel and the D.A. to get Karpel's E-Discovery module working properly. With the setup process now complete, the D.A. is now working on the procedures to send and record documents between the D.A. and the Public Defender and the D.A. and private attorneys.

Issue #2: Upgrade the Superior Court wireless system to support use of Karpel during court proceedings.

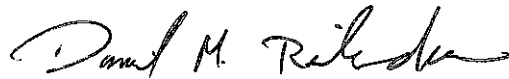
Answer: As an interim solution, the D.A. is now using a MiFi wireless device from Verizon that allows the attorneys to access Karpel while in court. This technology is adequate, but a more robust internet connection is desirable (wired or wireless) and will need to be coordinated with the Tuolumne County Superior Court technology group.

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In addition to these two issues identified by the Grand Jury, the D.A. and IT have worked to correct the data and move over 33 cases into Karpel for reference purposes. As far as templates, IT worked with Karpel to correct and load the five most used templates. Efforts are currently being made to work with the D.A. and Karpel to identify other templates and errors so that they too can be fixed and become useful.

In conclusion, the IT Division is encouraged by Karpel's recent efforts to fix the remaining items in the Prosecutor system. IT continues to work closely with the D.A. as it has since the beginning of the software implementation. It is the opinion of IT that Karpel is making a concerted effort to resolve the remaining issues, but if there is one complaint, it is that the process is much slower than anticipated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel M. Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" being more prominent.

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Deputy County Administrator