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By: Clerk

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

Re: 2016-2017 Tuolumne County Grand Jury Report

Dear Honorable Judge Kate Powell Segerstrom:

The following is offered in response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report as it pertains to the Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office and Tuolumne County District Attorney Victim Witness Department's inclusion in the Grand Jury's Information Technology Department Report.

**Finding #22:** The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) requires regular software and Operating System (OS) maintenance, as well as regular review and auditing to remain in compliance with steep penalties for failure.

**Recommendation #22:** Create, maintain and observe a policy and procedure for HIPAA compliance. Each affected Department should be aware of their obligations and actively participate and pursue full compliance. (F22)

I agree with this finding and recommendation. All staff of the Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office and Tuolumne County District Attorney Victim Witness division are required to comply with applicable HIPAA policies. The staff is required to read the applicable County HIPAA policies and sign a document stating that they have read and understood the applicable policies. The policies are also discussed at regular staff meetings.

**Finding #23:** The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) requires any organization collecting payments via credit card to perform regular security maintenance, complete application maintenance, restrict physical access to devices that can access cardholder data, regularly test device and network security, create and maintain an Information Security (InfoSec) policy, store logs for a minimum of one year, and perform log audits.

**Recommendation #23:** Create, maintain and observe a policy and procedure for PCI DSS compliance. Each affected Department should be aware of their obligations and actively participate and pursue full compliance. (F23)

The Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office does not collect payments via credit card.

Kindest Regards,

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