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Honorable William J. Murray, Jr.
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
222 E. Weber Avenue, Room 303
Stockton, California 95202

RE: 2008-2009 GRAND JURY RESPONSE

Dear Judge Murray:

Following is the Sheriff-Coroner's Office response to recommendations made by the 2008-2009 Grand Jury.

FINDING

Finding # 12: Sheriff-Coroners Office – Does not meet expectations for IT Security.

Response to Finding # 12

The respondent (San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office) respectfully does not agree with the finding.

As the method of investigation was a "layman's" inquiry, it is understandable that with the published expectation of:

Communications and operations management: Adequate tools and services be provided to insure that information in these systems is properly monitored, managed and protected. (i.e. anti-virus software, spam and internet filters, security patching, and supported operating systems on all servers and work stations).

would on its face direct that as only one server at the Sheriff-Coroner's Office was running Windows NT 4.0 with all available security patches and upgrades applied prior to the industry no longer providing ongoing support is applicable.

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However, upon closer scrutiny the server in question was not running any critical or essential applications. The identified server residing within the Sheriff's secure network environment was not at risk from attack, as it had no access from outside the office network.

Originally, the identified server was a legacy domain controller which was replaced during our Active Directory upgrade. Should this server have become unavailable due to either software or hardware failure, nothing would have been lost and services would not have been impacted.

In light of these facts we hold that our network is in compliance with the overall goals of network security.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation # 1d: "Upgrade outdated server operating systems"

Response to Recommendation # 1d

The recommendation will not be implemented as the identified server has been decommissioned. This will better serve the Sheriff-Coroner's Office as no costs will be incurred for new software and physical maintenance on the hardware will no longer be required.

In closing, the Sheriff's Office appreciates the Grand Jury's analysis of Information Technology Security. We wish to maintain a high standard of proficiency and professionalism in carrying out our responsibilities. In the area of agreement, you may be assured of our full cooperation. In the area of disagreement, we will continue to evaluate the need for change.

I wish to thank and recognize the Grand Jury members for all of their hard work during the past year. We appreciate their contribution to the citizens of San Joaquin County.

Sincerely,


STEVE MOORE
Sheriff-Coroner

c: Leroy Omellas, Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Lois Sahyoun, Clerk of the Board
Manuel Lopez, County Administrator
Jerry Becker, Director County ISD