

OFFICE OF  
**SHERIFF-CORONER**

COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

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August 15, 2011

**Steve Moore**  
Sheriff-Coroner  
Public Administrator

*Honorable Robin Appel  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
222 E. Weber Avenue, Room 303  
Stockton, California 95202*

**RE: 2010-2011 GRAND JURY RESPONSE**

*Dear Judge Appel:*

*The San Joaquin County Sheriff/Coroner's Office wishes to express our gratitude to the members of the 2010-2011 Grand Jury. Over the course of the year we were able to meet with and correspond with various committees and other members to discuss issues relevant to our operations. We found these interactions engaging and positive in nature.*

*As required by law, the following are the Sheriff/Coroner's Office responses to recommendations made by the 2010-2011 Grand Jury regarding the morgue, refer to page 77 of the published final report.*

**FINDINGS**

Finding # 1: Dry rot located over the front door.

**Response to Finding # 1**

*On February 1, 2010, a work order was generated to Facilities Management to repair or replace the awning as it was leaking above the morgue entry doors. The awning has been replaced and will be repainted as of August 16, 2011. See attached photographs of the repairs to the morgue.*

Finding # 2: The building is small for the amount of cases handled by the Sheriff/Coroner. The use of asbestos, formalin, and other chemicals creates a health hazard to all persons working or visiting the morgue.

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**Response to Finding # 2**

*The respondent (San Joaquin County Sheriff/Coroner's Office) agrees with the Grand Jury's recommendation to build a new facility. A request for a new morgue was submitted via this year's budget process for an estimated \$35,000,000 for construction. Unfortunately, the current budget situation precludes that from happening.*

Testimony verified the building has asbestos.

*In 2008 a study was conducted that identified the remaining areas that contained asbestos. These two areas, the white floor tile in the morgue and the tan tile in the entry, have been abated as of February 12, 2008.*

Formalin is a carcinogenic and is a health and occupational hazard to all persons who work or visit the morgue.

*To reduce exposure to any of our staff or visitors, we relocated the formalin contained jars from the autopsy suite to the Columbarium. Pursuant to Occupational Health Standards, we have our staff wear the formalin detecting badges twice a year and the results are sent to the hospital to monitor for acceptable exposure levels. The result of the last analysis of the formalin detecting badges was received on July 25, 2011, indicating that the formalin exposure was within safe levels.*

*The following is our response to the Civil Grand Jury report, Sheriff's Department/San Joaquin County Jail, pursuant to Section 933.05 of the Penal Code, refer to page 74 of the final report.*

**FINDINGS:**

**Finding #1:** Metal Shelf under steel table in the kitchen is broken and needs to be welded or bolted.

**Response to Finding #1:**

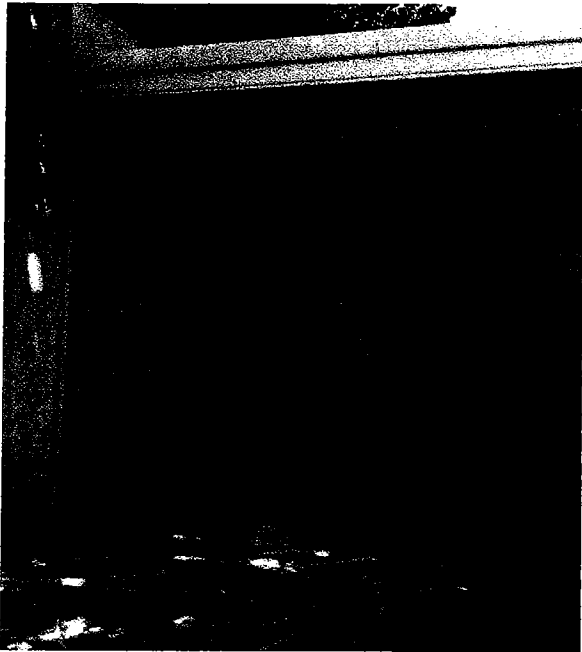
*The respondent (San Joaquin County Sheriff/Coroner's Office) agrees with the finding. The shelf was welded and procedures for the maintenance of the equipment in the kitchen are in place. A regular preventative maintenance schedule has been put into place with documentation. See attached photographs of the repairs.*

Sincerely,

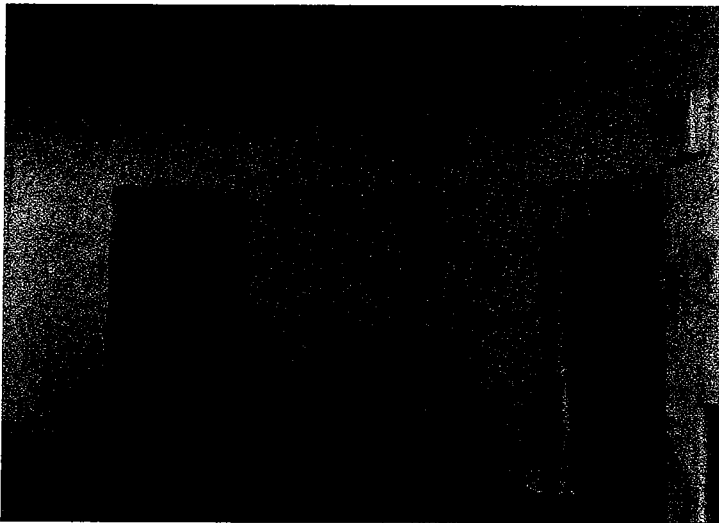
  
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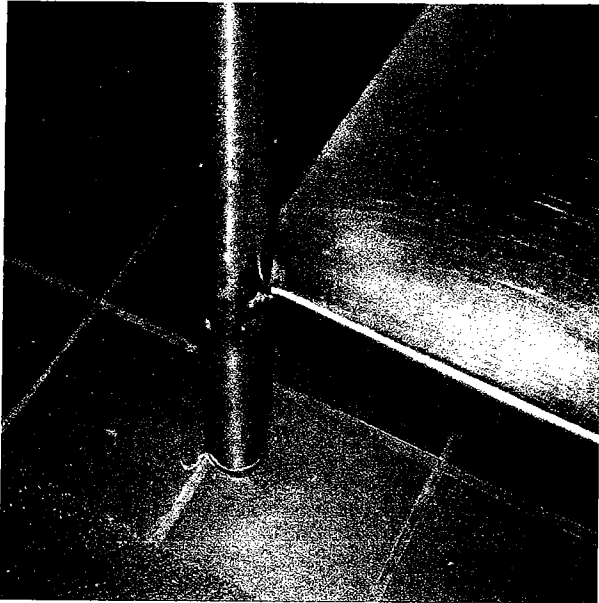
**Attachments**

c: Larry Ruhstaller, Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Lois Sahyoun, Clerk of the Board  
Manuel Lopez, County Administrator

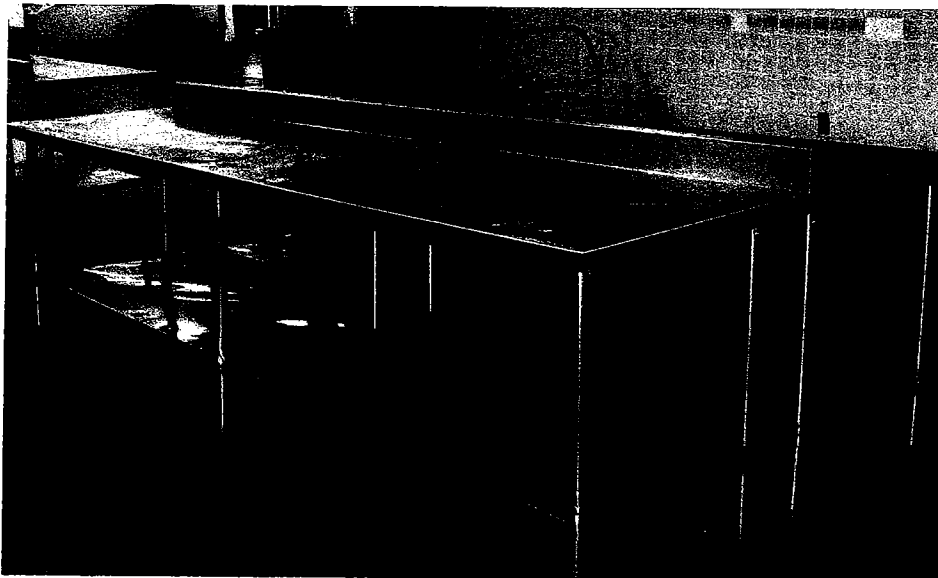
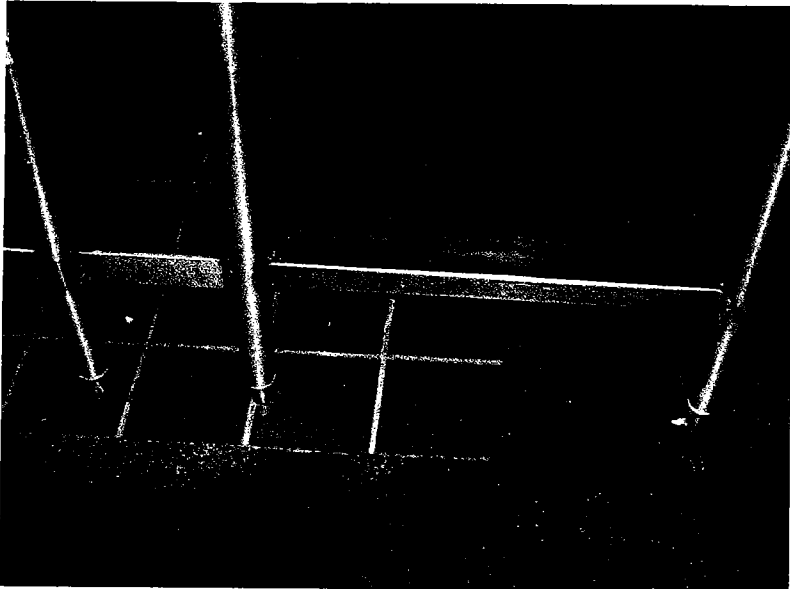


MORGUE REPAIRS





KITCHEN REPAIRS





# CITY OF ESCALON

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Stockton CA 95202

RE: City of Escalon Grand Jury Response to 2010-11 Grand Jury (Case No. 0609) Information Services Follow Up Report

Honorable Presiding Judge Appel:

In meeting the deadline and content of response requirements per California Penal Code §933(c), the following is the City Council's response to the Findings and Recommendations indicated in the City of Escalon on Civil Grand Jury Final Report 2010-11 Information Services Follow-up Report-case No. 609.

Recommendations:

**2010/11 Information Services Follow-up Report Case No. 609**

- **A policy for annual review of each department represented on the City website is being developed.**

The respondent agrees with finding. A policy has been developed to review each department represented on the City website.

- **Conduct annual review by department for website content and relevance.**

The respondent agrees with recommendation. The City will conduct quarterly reviews by department to ensure website content relevant.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Fox".

Danny Fox, Mayor  
City of Escalon

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