

# MONTEREY COUNTY



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September 18, 2019

The Honorable Stephanie E. Hulse  
Judge, Superior Court  
Monterey County Superior Courts  
240 Church Street  
Salinas CA 93901

**Re: Response to 2018 - 2019 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report: "Rape Kit Processing in Monterey County"**

Dear Judge Hulse:

Attached please find the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Response to the **2018 - 2019 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report: "Rape Kit Processing in Monterey County"** and the signed Board Order. The Board of Supervisors approved the response on August 27, 2019, which complies with the requirements set forth in Sections 933 and 933.05 of the California Penal Code.

The Board approved response should be deemed and accepted by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Monterey County and the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury as the response of the Board of Supervisors, Assistant County Administrative Officer, and appointed department heads.

Sincerely,

By: Nicholas E. Chiulos  
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cc: Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer  
Office of the County Counsel  
2019 – 2020 Civil Grand Jury

Attachments: Board of Supervisors Response  
August 27, 2019 Signed Board Order



## Monterey County Board of Supervisors

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### Board Order

The Board:

a. Considered approval of the response to the 2018 - 2019 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report - "Rape Kit Processing in Monterey County", and;

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary L. Adams, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to:

b. Direct the County Administrative Officer to file the approved response with the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, County of Monterey, by September 21, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of August 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Lopez, Parker and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

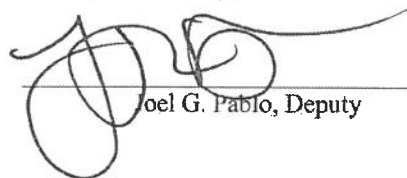
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting August 27, 2019.

Dated: August 28, 2019

File ID: 19-0650

Agenda Item No.: 21

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California



Joel G. Pablo, Deputy



**Monterey County Board of Supervisors**

**Response to the**

**2018 - 2019 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury**

**" Rape Kit Processing in Monterey County "**

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" Rape Kit Processing in Monterey County "  
**RESPONSE BY:** Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
**RESPONSE TO:** Findings F5

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## FINDINGS

- F5) Training for advanced skills in the forensics of sexual assault investigations is not prioritized in the budgeting process.

**Response F5:**  
***Disagrees***

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors disagrees with this finding. County departments are responsible for prioritizing programs during the budgeting process, as such, the Board of Supervisors looks to the Sheriff's Office to prioritize needs for their operations. As a normal practice, the Sheriff's Office prioritizes funding for training during the annual budget process and sends sexual assault investigators to specialized training as required by State law.

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**RESPONSE TO:** Recommendations R5

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- R5) By January 15, 2020, every Monterey County LEA should develop a funding source, such as grants, for additional expertise training and recertification within the Sexual Assault and Forensic Division.

**Response R5:**  
***Partially Agrees***

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors partially agrees with this finding. There is an existing funding source for expert and specialized training. The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) reimburses the Sheriff's Office for specialized training in sexual assault investigation. However, the County will continue to look for additional grant or other funding opportunities that become available for this purpose.