



City of East Palo Alto

Office of the Chief of Police



August 1, 2003

Hon. Beth Labson Freeman
Judge of the Superior Court
Hall of Justice
400 County Center; 2nd Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

RE: Grand Jury Report: HANDLING FORENSIC EVIDENCE REPORT

Dear Judge Freeman:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the recommendations in the above referenced report. The City of East Palo Alto will limit its comments to those findings and recommendations that reference our local jurisdiction.

52. Police Departments of San Mateo County and the Sheriff's investigation units should review and update their respective investigation protocols regarding how first responders manage various kinds of crime scenes and whom they should call.

Agree Working in collaboration the Sheriff, District Attorney, and San Mateo County Police Chiefs completed a review of the County wide Sexual Assault protocol. In the future the Police Chiefs Association will be reviewing other county wide investigative protocols to include the county wide homicide protocol.

The City of East Palo Alto appreciates the efforts of the Grand Jury has undertaken to improve the quality of the San Mateo County criminal justice system. We are hopeful that recommendations made by the Grand Jury will bring about positive change.

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley R. Bowling
Chief of Police

c.c. Ted Gaebler, Interim City Manager
Mayor and Council Members