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July 2, 2019

Pat Randolph, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Reference: Response by Sheriff-Coroner Robert T. Doyle to the 2019 Civil Grand Jury Report Titled, "Vaping, An under-the-radar epidemic."

Dear Mr. Randolph,

As required by Penal Code Section 933.05, I offer the following response to the 2019 Civil Grand Jury Report titled, "Vaping, An under-the-radar epidemic."

This letter will serve as my response in my official capacity as the Sheriff-Coroner of Marin County.

Recommendation:

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All law enforcement agencies should coordinate the enforcement of sales bans on flavored tobacco.

This recommendation has been implemented. Sheriff's Office staff collaboratively work to communicate with all other county police agencies to enforce tobacco laws and ordinances. The Sheriff's Office recognizes we are in the midst of a health crisis regarding youth and vaping. The Sheriff's Office has been in an annual mutual contract with the Marin County Health and Human Services Department to enforce laws regarding selling tobacco products to minors. Tobacco compliance decoy operations are performed annually throughout the fiscal year to the tune of two hundred fifty to three hundred checks total of all of the retail vendor establishments that sell tobacco products in the County of Marin. Vendor offenders are cited for the penal code section (308(b) PC) regarding selling tobacco products to people under the age of twenty one. In the 2018-2019 fiscal year alone, ten vendors were issued citations while another three were given warnings. We recently participated in a multi-agency, county wide tobacco operation which included the Sheriff's Office and five of our local police

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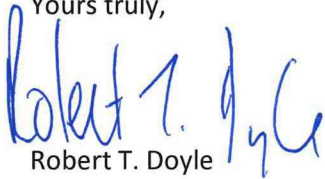
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agencies. All vendors where the checks are performed are later notified by mail of the check regardless of the outcome.

In the 2019-2020 fiscal year we will be expanding these checks to also include making sure the vendors are not selling flavored tobacco products per the newly adopted county ordinance which went into effect July 1, 2019. We were awarded a grant which has given us even more resource to insure tobacco enforcement as well as the education of parents and students. We will also be making sure the local retail vendor establishments have the appropriate signage that shows the dangers of tobacco products and why they are not legal for purchase by individuals under the age of twenty one per the Stake Act(22952 (b) BP. Additionally we will be starting a comprehensive social media campaign on all social media platforms warning youth and their parents of the dangers of flavored tobacco. We recognize it is just as important to educate parents as it is their children. We will continue our efforts to partner with Marin County Health and Human Service to make sure all of Marin County's tobacco retail vendors are in compliance. We intend to remain a local leader in the efforts to continue to educate and battle this crisis.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert T. Doyle". The signature is stylized and includes a large, looped initial "R" and a flourish at the end.

Robert T. Doyle

Sheriff-Coroner