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Decrease in 1991 Jail Bookings

Current 1991 jail bookings are running ten percent less than 1990 bookings. It has been suggested by many persons that the primary reason for this decrease in bookings is a result of the new booking fees authorized by SB 2557 (1990).

In order to find out if jail booking fees are contributing to the decrease in bookings this year, I asked the Criminal Justice Research Division of SANDAG, as part of the Regional Criminal Justice Clearinghouse project, to analyze the bookings. The data used was only unsentenced bookings, which eliminates re-bookings and additional charges.

SUMMARY FINDING: The data suggests that the jail booking fee is not associated with the decrease in jail bookings.

The attached tables compare unsentenced jail bookings in the six month period for 1990 and 1991. Also, The types of offenses were examined and the impact the San Diego Police Department bookings had on the region. The San Diego Police Department is exempt from the booking fees.

Table I. The total 1991 regional bookings for the first six months decreased by 10% over the same period in 1990. The San Diego Police Department bookings were down 13% in 1991 compared to a similar period in 1990. Table IA compared first quarter of each year with the second quarter. There were only minor differences by quarters either in 1990 or 1991. This is important to note since the booking

fee was in place in the second quarter of 1991.

Table II. This table examined charges of unsentenced bookings. Felonies were down 8.1% while misdemeanors were down 12.2% in 1991. The biggest decreases occurred in driving under the influence (DUI) and drug charges.

Table III. This table describes agency unsentenced bookings for the same two periods. Only two law enforcement agencies had higher 1991 bookings compared to 1990.

Any questions regarding this data should be referred to Suzie Pennell, Director, Criminal Justice Research Division at 595-5383.

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TABLE I

UNSENTENCED
BOOKINGS BY MONTH
AND SDPD ONLY
JAN-JUNE 1990 & 1991

	1990		1991	
Month	Unsentenced Bookings	SDPD Only	Unsentenced Bookings	SDPD Only
Jan.	8,979	3,293	8,116	2,692
Feb.	8,105	2,954	7,900	2,769
Mar.	9,570	3,438	8,357	3,021
Apr.	9,016	3,340	8,230	2,840
May	9,215	3,348	8,204	2,833
Jun.	8,797	2,972	7,522	2,660
TOTALS	53,682	19,345	48,329	16,815

TABLE IA

UNSENTENCED
BOOKINGS BY QUARTER
AND SDPD ONLY
1ST & 2ND QTR: 1990-1991

	1990		1991	
	Unsentenced Bookings	SDPD Only	Unsentenced Bookings	SDPD Only
1st QTR	26,654	9,685	24,373	8,482
2nd QTR	27,028	9,660	23,956	8,333

TABLE II

UNSENTENCED
BOOKINGS BY OFFENSE
JAN-JUNE 1990 & 1991

Felony	1990	1991	
Murder	88	123	
Rape	106	111	
Rob	610	756	
Assault	1,604	1,532	
Other Prop	6,548	5,755	
Other Felony	5,173	4,905	
Drugs	5,974	5,318	
Felony DUI	205	164	
TOTAL FELONIES	20,308	18,664	
Misdemeanor			
Drugs	3,648	2,972	
Drunk	5,902	5,897	
DUI	14,657	13,512	
All Other	6,970	4,991	
TOTAL	31,177	27,372	
Other	2,197	2,293	
TOTAL	53,682	48,329	(-10%)

TABLE III

UNSENTENCED
BOOKINGS BY AGENCY
JAN-JUNE 1990 & 1991

	1990	1991
Carlsbad	804	934
Coronado	215	145
Chula Vista	1,333	948
El Cajon	1,859	1,667
Escondido	1,975	2,322
La Mesa	556	488
National City	1,543	1,313
Oceanside	3,680	3,083
San Diego	19,345	16,815
Sheriff	7,621	7,150
Other Agencies[1]	14,751	13,464
TO6ALS	53,682	48,329

(1) Other Agencies include CYA, NTF, PROB, CHP, DA, Marshal, State Parole, Self.

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