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Superior Court of Tuolumne County

By: Krieg

Honorable Judge Donald Segerstrom *KM*
Tuolumne County Superior Court
60 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Re: 2015-2016 Tuolumne County Grand Jury Report

Dear Honorable Judge Donald Segerstrom:

The following is offered in response to the 2015-2016 Grand Jury Report as it pertains to the Tuolumne County District Attorney's Karpel Case Management System.

On April 1, 2014, Tuolumne County entered into a contract to purchase a new case management system for the District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office implemented the new system, Prosecutors By Karpel (PBK), on October 27, 2014. In January of 2015, I was sworn in as the Tuolumne County District Attorney. In March of 2015, the 2014-2015 Grand Jury contacted me and spoke to me about the Karpel case management system. The 2014-2015 Grand Jury issued the following Finding and Recommendation regarding the Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office's Karpel Case Management System in their report:

Finding #4: The Grand Jury finds that the DA's office paid close to \$100,000 for the Prosecutors By Karpel Software System (PBK), but cannot use all the software components that they purchased.

Recommendation #4: The Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrators direct the IT department to complete the purchase and installation of the required hardware and establish the required county-secure wi-fi connection in the County Superior Court by October 1, 2015, so the PBK software installation can be completed and used as intended.

I fully agreed with this finding and recommendation. Following the 2014-2015 Grand Jury Report, I had several conversations with County IT and Deputy County Administrator Daniel Richardson regarding the support needed to ensure this case management system performed as advertised and required. I further advised Mr. Richardson that if the problems were not resolved with Karpel, I wanted county counsel to review the contract between Tuolumne County and Karpel for potential legal remedies.

In January and June of 2016, I personally met with Jeff Karpel who developed this software and advised him of the problems we were experiencing and the need for Karpel to address those problems. He committed to making sure that we received the support needed from Karpel Solutions, and he also discussed our situation with the current CEO of the company Matt Ziemianski. Since that time, Mr. Ziemianski has personally reached out to Tuolumne County IT and to me. At this time, we are actively working with Karpel to address any remaining issues.

On Page 12 of the 2015/2016 Grand Jury Report, it reads "...it appears that while the District Attorney's office is not satisfied, no one in the District Attorney's office is taking positive steps to pursue the matter." While I appreciate the service of the Grand Jury members, I am puzzled by this statement, as nobody at the District Attorney's Office was contacted by the 2015/2016 Grand Jury and asked what steps had been taken to pursue this matter. Had I been contacted, I would have happily provided the information as explained in this letter.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura L. Krieg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Laura L. Krieg
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