



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Washington, D.C 20531

November 15, 2017

Mary Jane Robb
Sheriff of Contra Costa County
651 Pine Street, 11th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Sheriff Robb,

Your FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant award required you to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373. Section 1373 compliance is an ongoing requirement that the Department of Justice monitors. The Department is concerned that the following Contra Costa County laws, policies, or practices may violate section 1373:

- Contra Costa Sheriff's Office General Policy and Procedure No. 1.02.28. Part III.D.1 states that a custody deputy shall not "notify ICE of the immigration status of arrestees" except in limited circumstances. The Department is concerned that this appears to restrict the sending or requesting of information regarding immigration status, in violation of section 1373(a) and (b).
- Contra Costa Sheriff's Office General Policy and Procedure No. 1.02.28. Part III.D.2 states that a custody deputy shall not "notify ICE of the immigration status of inmates." The Department is concerned that this appears to restrict the sending or requesting of information regarding immigration status, in violation of section 1373(a) and (b).

By December 8, 2017, please submit a response to this letter that addresses whether Contra Costa County has laws, policies, or practices that violate section 1373, including those discussed above. In addition to your compliance in FY 2016, please address whether you would comply with section 1373 throughout the award period, should you receive an FY 2017 Byrne JAG grant award. To the extent Contra Costa County laws or policies contain so called "savings clauses," please explain in your submission the way these savings clauses are interpreted and applied, and whether these interpretations are communicated to Contra Costa County officers or employees.

The Department has not made a final determination regarding Contra Costa County's

compliance with section 1373. This letter does not constitute final agency action and nothing in this letter creates any right or benefit enforceable at law against the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan R. Hanson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alan Hanson
Acting Assistant Attorney General