

City and County of San Francisco

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July 13, 2005
Ref: 05-061

Ms. Gloria Young
Clerk of the Board
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Ref: 20050607-007

Dear Ms. Young;

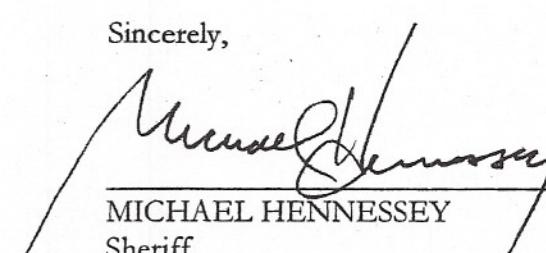
I write in response to Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi's inquiry regarding the cost to the Sheriff's Department of incarcerating individuals booked on prostitution charges.

The term prostitution typically refers to one or more of three different sections of the California Penal Code: 647(a)PC, which is engaging in or soliciting lewd conduct; 647(b) PC, which is soliciting for an act of prostitution; and, 653.22a PC, which is loitering for the purpose of engaging in prostitution. An analysis of bookings from January 1 through June 30, 2005 reveals that 272 individuals generated a total of 373 arrests leading to jail bookings on these three charges. These bookings generated a total of 648 prisoner days.

We have determined that the average cost of booking an individual into custody is \$150 and the average cost of incarcerating an individual per day is \$88. Thus, the cost of prostitution bookings for that six month period was 373 times \$150 for a total of \$55,950. The cost of incarcerating individuals booked on prostitution was 648 times \$88 for a total of \$57,024. Taken together the total cost is \$112,974.

I hope this is responsive to your inquiry. Should you require further information, I shall be pleased to provide it.

Sincerely,


MICHAEL HENNESSEY
Sheriff

cc: Hon. Ross Mirkarimi



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Ross Mirkarimi, Supervisor District 5
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RE: Public Defender Cost of Defending 647(b) and Pimping and Pandering Cases
Reference : 20050607-006

Dear Supervisor Mirkarimi,

I am forwarding the information you requested concerning the cost to the Public Defender's Office in defending 647(b) prosecutions, along with pimping and pandering cases. Last year, my department represented approximately 594 adults charged with misdemeanor Penal Code section 647(b) violations. We also provided representation to 3 adult clients charged with felony pimping and pandering charges.

Our juvenile division represented a total of 49 youth charged with prostitution related charges. All of these youth were girls.

The total cost in defending both the adults and juveniles charged with these offenses is \$114,323.00.

Please let me know if there is other information I can provide you with that will assist you in your inquiry into this matter.

Yours truly,

Jeff Adachi
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