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## SYNOPSIS

### **Complaint 15/16 #22**

The Tulare County Grand Jury received a complaint on October 7, 2015, authored by an anonymous complainant who alleged nepotism and inappropriate hiring practices within the Tulare County Child Welfare Services Department. As part of the investigation, the hiring procedures for Child Welfare Services were reviewed. Additionally, management was interviewed regarding the department's hiring processes, how certification lists were developed, who set up the hiring panels and how candidates were selected. The Grand Jury determined that Human Services is responsible for the hiring process from start to finish and a single individual cannot hire anyone into a county job. The complaint was officially closed on November 13, 2015 as there was no evidence to substantiate the allegation.

### **Complaint 15/16 #26**

The Tulare County Grand Jury received a complaint on December 16, 2015, from a private citizen alleging a conspiracy plot by the Tulare County Sheriff's Department and the Resource Management Agency. The complaint alleged lack of due process of law via manipulation and an illegal abatement process in order to deprive the complainant of private property. The Grand Jury investigated the allegations through interviews and review of documents. The Grand Jury determined there was no conspiracy by either agency. The complaint was closed on February 26, 2016.

### **Complaint 15-16# 35**

The Tulare County Grand Jury received a complaint on April 6, 2016, authored by a complainant who stated he didn't want to go through a body scanner for fear of radiation. The complainant also alleges that that he was not informed of disciplinary action for refusing to go through the body scanner. Tulare County Grand Jury inspected the body scanner, interviewed the complainant and Tulare County Sheriff's Office staff and reviewed documentation. Recommendations regarding advisements were provided to the Sheriff's Office, who agreed to comply. The complaint was officially closed on May 20, 2016.

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