EDC Grand Jury: Probation Department improves

El Dorado County's Probation Department has made strides to be a better place to work compared the previous year year, according to the grand jury.

A year ago, the department was one of several that contributed to the county being called "dysfunctional" by the investigating body. The bulk of the problems were in the South Lake Tahoe office.

This year's report says, "Even the most negatively impacted officers acknowledged that positive changes have come about in the South Lake Tahoe Probation Office, although they report that some problems linger with reduced impact."

Credit is given to Brian Richart, who took over last year as chief of the department, for helping right the ship.

The grand jury recommended the positive changes continue so more improvement may be achieved.

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