



# Pacific County PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

David Burke, Prosecutor

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Prison Legal News  
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Dear Prison Legal News:

This letter responds to the public disclosure request that you made last year.

It has taken longer than anticipated to respond to your request pertaining to our procedures for inmate phone calls because our records do not precisely match the records of our inmate phone call providers.

Consolidated Telecom, Inc. (CTI) of Irving, Texas is our current provider for inmate phone calls. Presently, for locals calls inmates are charged \$2.00 for a 15 minute call or 13 cents per minute. For calls involving IntraLata, there is a surcharge of \$3.00 with a cost of 30 cents per minute. For a 15 minute call, the cost is \$7.50. For interstate calls, the rate has changed this month to 21 cents per minute for prepaid cards and 25 cents per minute for collect calls. Previously, interstate calls were assessed a \$3.00 surcharge and were billed at 50 cents per minute.

I have enclosed a Statement of Account from Consolidated Telecom, Inc. from March 2012 through December 2013. [CTI began providing service for us in March 2012.] CTI has received commissions of \$12,925.42 and \$15,855.23 for 2012 and 2013, respectively. There also is a carryover balance of \$280.65 at the end of 2013. Pacific County reported revenue from inmate phone calls for 2012 and 2013 in the amount of \$14,635.00 and \$16,615.90, respectively. These numbers do not track exactly what has been reported by CTI. See the detailed accounting by CTI for the months of January 2013 through November 2013. I suspect, without knowing, that the differences stem from the fact that some items are accounted for via an accrual method while others items are accounted for on a cash basis. In any event, I have enclosed all of the relevant documentation that we possess. I also would point out that CTI's commission is approximately 60% of the total charges.

Before Consolidated Telecom, Inc. handled our inmate phone calls, we used Securus Technologies. The financial arrangement with Securus Technologies was somewhat different. The Sheriff's Office received 75% of the revenues generated, but Pacific County had to pay for the prepaid phone cards used by inmates. I have enclosed information for the years 2009-2011. The amounts listed under Vendor Payments indicate how much money was rebated to Securus Technologies for the prepaid phone cards. The amounts listed under the Revenue Detail Report indicate how much money was received by the Sheriff's Office.

With regard to the other questions that you posed, Pacific County has not placed revenues generated by phone card sales into a separate account for the benefit of inmates. The money that is received by the Sheriff's Office for inmate phone cards is deposited with the Pacific County Treasurer. The