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PRESS RELEASE

**JAMES A. MUSICK EAST COMPOUND CLOSED IN EFFORT TO SAVE
ESTIMATED \$1 MILLION ANNUALLY**

Sheriff Sandra Hutchens announced today that the East Compound of the James A. Musick Facility will close immediately. If the inmate population allows the compound to remain closed for a full year, the savings is estimated at more than \$1 million.

The compound houses minimum security inmates and has 256 beds. There will be no early releases due to the closure and most of the inmates now housed there will be assigned to other sections of the Musick Facility in Irvine. About 40 inmates will be transferred to either the Sheriff's Central Jail Complex or the Theo Lacy Facility.

Staff assigned to the East Compound will be transferred to other duties in an effort to reduce overtime costs in the jails. Maintenance and repairs will be done to the East Compound while it is closed.

"Due to the significant economic challenges we're facing in the county, it is essential that we continue to evaluate our operation and identify potential cost savings," said Sheriff Sandra Hutchens. "It is our goal to pursue any savings that will not impact public safety and the closure of the East Compound at Musick accomplishes this goal."