

Professional Standards Bureau
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IA2018-0586	9/17/2018	External Complaint	The complainant alleged Unknown Detention Officers within the Estrella jail facility were rude, would not submit her grievance forms, served her rotten food, would not allow her outside recreation access, and searched her bunk while she was attending court. Additionally, she alleged Unknown Officers continuously cut off her access to water and restroom facilities when placing her dorm on lock down. She also alleged these actions were racially motivated.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP8 - Preventing Racial and Other Biased Based profiling	Unfounded Not-Sustained Unfounded Unfounded Exonerated Exonerated Unfounded	N/A	Due to the complainant being unwilling to participate in the investigative process, the allegations of rudeness, rotten food, and no access to the recreation area was found to be false or not supported by fact. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove an Unknown Detention Officer rejected her grievance. The allegation of the cell search was found to have been within MCSO policy and procedure. The allegation of lack of water and restroom facilities during a lock down was found to be within MCSO policy and procedure. Additionally, the allegation of these actions being racially motivated was found to be false or not supported by fact.	12/3/2020
IA2020-0113	3/11/2020	Internal Complaint	It was reported a Deputy and a Sergeant collided while driving with emergency lights and sirens. It was alleged the Sergeant failed to stop at the intersection and alleged the Deputy was not driving with due regard which resulted in his inability to stop at the intersection.	CP4 - Emergency and Pursuit Driving CP4 - Emergency and Pursuit Driving	Sustained Sustained	Written Reprimand Employee Suspended	It was found the Sergeant failed to stop at a stop sign prior to entering the intersection. It was also found the Deputy failed to drive with due regard due to excessive speed.	12/3/2020
IA2019-0621	12/19/2019	External Complaint	An anonymous complainant alleged a Deputy was unprofessional and confrontational when speaking to a group of cyclists.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Unfounded	N/A	A review of the body-worm camera footage showed the allegation against the Deputy was false or not supported by fact.	12/8/2020
IA2020-0026	1/16/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Detective and Sergeant did not properly investigate a crime. Additionally, he alleged a Sergeant did not take his report of the crime seriously.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Unfounded Not-Sustained Unfounded	N/A N/A	Due to a lack of audio or video evidence of the communication between the Sergeant and the complainant, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Sergeant was rude and did not take the complainant seriously. Additionally, it was found the Detective and the Sergeant conducted a thorough investigation based on the evidence; the allegation of an improper investigation was false or not supported by fact.	12/8/2020
IA2019-0136	3/28/2019	Internal Complaint	It was alleged a Sworn Lieutenant made direct inconsistencies in his internal investigation interviews.	CP5 - Truthfulness CP5 - Truthfulness	Not-Sustained Not-Sustained	N/A	The investigation was unable to resolve the inconsistencies made by the Lieutenant; there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Lieutenant was untruthful.	12/9/2020
IA2018-0133	3/1/2018	Internal Complaint	It was alleged a Detention Officer was spreading rumors, gossip and misinformation about an incident with an inmate and the lack of action by supervisors.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Rumors or Gossip	Sustained	Employee Suspended	It was found the Detention Officer was spreading rumors and gossip around several other Detention Officers, bringing discredit to supervisory staff within the jail facility.	12/14/2020
IA2018-0648	10/30/2018	Internal Complaint	The complainant alleged a Detention Lieutenant passed inaccurate information to her supervisor. Additionally, she alleged a Detention Sergeant made inaccurate and disparaging statements about her work performance and professional demeanor. She also alleged the Sergeant acted unprofessionally and discourteously when she raised her voice and berated her in front of other MCSO staff members and inmates.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Rumors or Gossip - Sustained CP2 - Code of Conduct - Employee Relationships with other Employees CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Sustained Sustained Exonerated	Employee Suspended N/A	It was found the Detention Lieutenant was within MCSO policy and procedure when he conferred with the employees supervisor. It was found the Sergeant attempted to spread inaccurate rumors based on her negative feelings of the complainant. It was also found the Sergeant's actions toward the complainant were inappropriate and did not foster respect or cooperation among her employees.	12/14/2020
IA2020-0053	1/30/2020	External Complaint	A DPS Officer reported Detention Officers dropped off approximately 600 DNA collections from 2017 to 2019 for processing. It was alleged Durango Jail supervisory staff and multiple field training officers failed to oversee the timely transportation of inmate DNA samples.	GB2 - Command Responsibility GB2 - Command Responsibility DO6 - Custody DNA Collection GB2 - Command Responsibility DO6 - Custody DNA Collection GB2 - Command Responsibility GB2 - Command Responsibility DO6 - Custody DNA Collection DO6 - Custody DNA Collection DO6 - Custody DNA Collection DO6 - Custody DNA Collection GB2 - Command Responsibility GB2 - Command Responsibility DO6 - Custody DNA Collection GB2 - Command Responsibility	Exonerated Exonerated Exonerated Exonerated Exonerated Exonerated Exonerated Exonerated Sustained Exonerated Sustained Exonerated Sustained Exonerated Exonerated	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A Employee Suspended N/A Written Reprimand N/A Written Reprimand N/A N/A	It was found a Detention Sergeant and two Detention Officers failed to oversee the transportation of the samples. The other seven members of supervisory staff and five field training officers were found to have been within MCSO policy and procedure.	12/14/2020
IA2020-0268	6/5/2020	External Complaint	An inmate grievance alleged a Detention Officer accessed pornography on a MCSO computer while on duty.	GD23 - Employee Access to the Internet	Sustained	Employee Suspended	The Detention Officer admitted to accessing pornography on a work computer.	12/14/2020

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IA2020-0301	6/15/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy called him a racial slur under his breath and attempted to trip him while handcuffed. Additionally, he alleged the Deputy went out of his way to arrest him and believed it was due to the Deputy knowing the victim or the victim had ties to Law Enforcement. He also alleged statements within the Deputy's report were inaccurate.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unethical Conduct GF5 - Incident Report Guidelines	Unfounded Unfounded Exonerated	N/A	A review of the body worn camera showed the allegation of the Deputy using a racial slur and tripping the complainant was false or not supported by fact. It was found the principal and victim did not know each other prior to the incident; the allegation of the Deputy going out of his way to arrest the complainant due to knowing the victim was false or not supported by fact. The body worn camera footage showed the report was accurate based on the knowledge the Deputy had at the time of the incident; the Deputy was within MCSO policy and procedure.	12/14/2020
IA2020-0371	7/21/2020	External Complaint	It was alleged in 2009, a Deputy was rude, yelling at both occupants during a traffic stop. Additionally, it was alleged the Deputy did not have a lawful reason to stop the car but did so because the occupants were Hispanic. It was also alleged the individual attempted to contact unknown employees to file a complaint against the Deputy but was never called back.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor EB1 - Traffic Enforcement GH2 - Internal Investigations	Not-Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained	N/A N/A	There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Deputy was rude or used race as a factor when conducting the traffic stop. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove an employee did not take his complaint.	12/14/2020
IA2016-0506	9/6/2016	External Complaint	It was alleged Deputies acted unprofessionally during a call for service.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Unfounded Unfounded Unfounded	N/A N/A N/A	It was found the Deputies were professional during the interaction; the allegation was false or not supported by fact.	12/16/2020
IA2019-0118	3/22/2019	External Complaint	The complainant alleged two unknown Detention Officers used profanity and made inappropriate comments toward her son while transporting him to a hospital appointment.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Not-Sustained Unfounded Not-Sustained Not-Sustained	N/A	There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Officer made inappropriate comments and used profanity toward the inmate. Based on the inmate's statements, it was found the use of a specific profanity was false or not supported by fact.	12/16/2020
IA2019-0487	9/23/2019	External Complaint	The complainant alleged Deputies were verbally aggressive by their tone of voice and called her "dumb" during a call for service.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Not-Sustained Sustained	N/A Employee Suspended	It was found the one Deputy called the complainant "dumb" during the call for service. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the other Deputy's tone of voice could be perceived as discourteous.	12/16/2020
IA2019-0560	11/4/2019	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was rude and harsh on a traffic stop. The complainant also alleged the Deputy gave her a citation and took her license because it was suspended; she reported her license was not suspended per the DMV.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor EA11 - Arrest procedures EB1 - Traffic Enforcement	Unfounded Exonerated Exonerated	N/A	It was found the Deputy was within MCSO policy and procedure when he issued the complainant a criminal citation and seized her driver's license. Review of body worn camera showed the Deputy was calm and professional for the duration of the traffic stop. The allegation of rude and harsh behavior was found to be false or not supported by fact.	12/16/2020
IA2017-0585	8/22/2017	External Complaint	The complainant alleged she was not provided privacy during her "strip-search" and while changing into her MCSO-issued clothing. Additionally, she alleged a Detention Officer almost struck her when pushing a plastic bag of her MCSO issued clothing toward her. She also alleged an Unknown Employee confiscated her eyeglasses during her self-surrender process.	DH3 - Contraband Control DO1 - Intake Process CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor DO1 - Intake Process	Unfounded Exonerated Not-Sustained Not-Sustained	N/A N/A	It was found the allegation of the complainant being "strip-searched" was found to be false or not supported by fact. It was found the Detention Officer acted within MCSO policy and procedure when and where she instructed the complainant to change her clothes. Due to no records, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the complainant's eyeglasses were confiscated. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove a plastic bag was pushed toward her, nearly striking her.	12/17/2020
IA2020-0260	6/1/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy did not take action on a call for service based on race.	CP8 - Preventing Racial and Other Biased Based profiling CP8 - Preventing Racial and Other Biased Based profiling	Unfounded Unfounded	N/A N/A	The allegation of using race as a factor in their decision making was found to be false or not supported by fact. A review of the body worn camera showed the Deputies did not have probable cause to take action and issue a citation.	12/17/2020
IA2020-0022	1/14/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy did not accurately document an injury accident. Additionally, he alleged the Deputy did not conduct a thorough investigation.	GF5 - Incident Report Guidelines EB6 - Vehicle Accident Investigations	Unfounded Unfounded	N/A	It was found the Deputy conducted a thorough investigation and the incident was accurately documented in the Deputy's report. The allegations were found to be false or not supported by fact.	12/22/2020
IA2020-0165	4/9/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was speeding on the freeway. Additionally, he alleged the Deputy utilized his overhead lights several times but did not attempt to make a traffic stop.	GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles	Not-Sustained	N/A	After completion of interviews and review of GPS data, it was found there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation made by the complainant.	12/22/2020

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IA2020-0169	4/10/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was speeding on the freeway without their lights or siren activated. It was also alleged the marked patrol vehicle cut him off.	GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles	Not Sustained Not-Sustained	N/A	After completing an interview with the complainant and reviewing the provided video footage, there was insufficient evidence to identify an employee or substantiate the allegations.	12/22/2020
IA2020-0389	7/29/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Sworn Sergeant was condescending and smug during their phone conversation.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor - Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A	In the recorded conversation, the Sergeant was concise and straightforward with the complainant. The allegation was determined to be false or not supported by fact.	12/22/2020
CIA2020-0015	6/17/2020	Internal Complaint Criminal	It was alleged a Detention Officer attempted to commit fraud when she filed for unemployment while employed with the Office.	[No allegations]	Unfounded	N/A	It was found the Detention Officer was the victim of identity theft and therefore did not commit fraud. The case was cleared unfounded	12/23/2020
IA2018-0379	6/11/2018	External Complaint	An inmate alleged an unknown Detention Officer brought contraband into the jail facility.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws	Unfounded	N/A	After the complainant's interview, it was found the allegation was based on rumors and third-party information. After a review of the complainant and witness interview statements, the investigation found the allegation was false or not supported by fact.	12/23/2020
IA2019-0624	12/23/2019	External Complaint	The complainant alleged two Deputies working an off-duty job failed to perform their duties adequately. Additionally, the complainant alleged the Deputies would have performed their job better if they were working for a "rich white man."	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP8 - Preventing Racial and Other Biased Based profiling CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP8 - Preventing Racial and Other Biased Based profiling	Exonerated Unfounded Exonerated Unfounded	N/A N/A	It was found the Deputies completed their job within MCSO policy and procedure. The allegation of the Deputies using race as a factor when performing their job was found to be false or not supported by fact.	12/23/2020
IA2020-0182	4/20/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged Detention Staff sexually assaulted an inmate with a broomstick.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws	Unfounded	N/A	A review of the jail surveillance video footage showed the inmate was not sexually assaulted; the allegation was false or not supported by fact.	12/23/2020
IA2020-0261	6/2/2020	Internal Complaint	It was alleged a Detention Officer attempted to commit fraud when he filed for unemployment while employed with the Office.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws	Unfounded	N/A	It was found the Detention Officer was the victim of identity theft and therefore did not commit fraud. The allegation was false or not supported by fact.	12/23/2020
IA2020-0294	6/13/2020	Internal Complaint	It was alleged a Detention Officer attempted to commit fraud when she filed for unemployment while employed with the Office.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws	Unfounded	N/A	It was found the Detention Officer was the victim of identity theft and therefore did not commit fraud. The allegation was false or not supported by fact.	12/23/2020
IA2020-0451	8/25/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was rude and treated her like a suspect because of her race.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor - Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A	A review of the body worn camera footage showed the Deputy was professional and provided assistance according to MCSO policy. The allegation of rude and racially biased behavior was found to be false or not supported by fact.	12/23/2020
IA2020-0499	9/17/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was rude to her daughter, making her feel like an idiot during a call for service.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor - Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A	The body worn camera footage showed the Deputy was professional during the entire interaction. The allegation or rudeness was false or not supported by fact.	12/23/2020
IA2020-0507	9/21/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy did not obey the speed limit or use his turn signal while driving in a marked patrol vehicle. Additionally, it was alleged the Deputy turned on a yellow light.	GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles - Exonerated GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles - Exonerated GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles - Not-Sustained	Exonerated Exonerated Not-Sustained	N/A	It was found the Deputy was actively working an aggressive driver detail; his speed and the action of him turning on a yellow light was found to be reasonable and within MCSO policy and procedure. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Deputy did not use his turn signal	12/23/2020