

Professional Standards Bureau
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IA2020-0359	7/16/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy increased his speed to prevent him from safely merging into the lane.	GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles	Not-Sustained	NA	Due to the GPS data and the complainant not wanting to participate in the investigative process, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation against the Deputy.	11/3/2020
IA2017-0193	3/6/2017	External Complaint	The complainant alleged six Detention Officers and one Detention Sergeant "threw her down" and "took her rings" during booking.	DO1 - Intake Process CP1 - Use of Force DO1 - Intake Process CP1 - Use of Force DO1 - Intake Process CP1 - Use of Force DO1 - Intake Process CP1 - Use of Force DO1 - Intake Process CP1 - Use of Force DO1 - Intake Process CP1 - Use of Force	Exonerated Exonerated Exonerated Exonerated Exonerated Exonerated Unfounded Exonerated Unfounded Unfounded Exonerated Unfounded Exonerated Unfounded	NA NA NA NA NA NA NA	It was found the Sergeant and two Detention Officer's did not have any physical contact with the complainant during her safe cell placement. Review of video showed the other four Detention Officers were within MCSO policy and procedure during the cell placement due to the complainant falling to comply with their orders. It was also found the Sergeant and four of the Detention Officers were within MCSO policy and procedure when they removed her rings and turned them over to Phoenix PD for impound. It was found the other two Detention Officers did not have any contact with the complainant's rings during the incident.	11/12/2020
IA2018-0420	6/27/2018	External Complaint	The anonymous complainant alleged a MCSO employee parked in a disabled access aisle in a parking lot.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Exonerated	NA	It was found the parking space is assigned to MCSO and therefore employees parking in it is within MCSO policy and procedure.	11/12/2020
IA2018-0625	10/12/2018	External Complaint	The inmate complainant alleged a Detention Officer made an inappropriate homosexual joke about "coming out of the closet" to him and another inmate. Additionally, he alleged the Officer also made an inappropriate sexual joke in front of him and the other inmate.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor GJ28 - Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained	Coaching	The Detention Officer admitted he made an inappropriate sexual joke in front of inmates. It was found the Officer did make a comment reference inmates coming out of the closet but there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove it was homosexual in nature due to the inmates physically coming out of a storage closet. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove these actions were a pattern of harassment.	11/12/2020
IA2019-0632	12/30/2019	Internal Complaint	A Detention Officer alleged the IA case she was a principal in, was the result of a retaliatory act by another Detention Officer.	CP11 - Anti-Retaliation	Not-Sustained	NA	Due to the principal's resignation and not participating in the investigative process, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove his original complaint was retaliatory.	11/12/2020
IA2017-0929	12/26/2017	External Complaint	The anonymous complainant alleged in 2009 a Sergeant ordered a Deputy to take a report on information he knew was false. It was also alleged the Sergeant did not verifying information prior to using it within search warrants.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Abuse of Process, Withholding Evidence, and Misappropriation of Property CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Not-Sustained Unfounded	NA	There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Sergeant ordered a Deputy to take a report on information he knew was false. The allegation of the Sergeant using unverified information within a search warrant was found to be false or not supported by fact.	11/16/2020
IA2020-0196	4/24/2020	Internal Complaint	The complainant alleged her coworker sent a social media message to other Officers saying she wanted to assault the two Detention Officers in retaliation for reporting her relationship with another employee.	CP11 - Anti-Retaliation	Unfounded	NA	The allegation of retaliation was found to be false or not supported by fact.	11/16/2020
IA2020-0115	3/11/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy cut him off almost causing a vehicle accident.	GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles	Sustained	Coaching	It was found the Deputy Trainee violated policy by driving unsafely.	11/18/2020
IA2020-0162	4/8/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a MCSO vehicle was speeding without lights and sirens on.	GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles	Not-Sustained	NA	The complainant declined to provide any contact information, so the investigator could not obtain missing critical information regarding his allegations. After reviewing documents and GPS data, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove a Deputy was excessively speeding.	11/18/2020

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IA2020-0187	4/20/2019	Internal Complaint	It was reported a Deputy was involved in a vehicle accident while driving with emergency lights and siren activated. Additionally, it was alleged he was driving without his seatbelt.	CP4 - Emergency and Pursuit Driving GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles	Sustained Sustained	Written Reprimand	It was found the Deputy did not operate his patrol vehicle with due regard while driving in an emergency situation. Additionally, the Deputy admitted to not wearing his seatbelt while operating the vehicle.	11/18/2020
IA2019-0343	7/9/2019	External Complaint	The complainant alleged that a Deputy failed to come to a complete stop at a stop sign when making a right turn.	GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles	Not-Sustained	NA	There were no independent witnesses or video footage of the event. Therefore, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Deputy failed to stop at a stop sign.	11/24/2020
IA2020-0028	1/16/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was rude and disrespectful during a call for service. It was also alleged he refused to give his name when she asked for it.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor GH2 - Internal Investigations	Sustained Sustained	Written Reprimand	It was found the Deputy yelled at the complainant and walked away from her without providing his name.	11/24/2020
IA2020-0126	3/19/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was unprofessional during contact on a call for service.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Unfounded	NA	The witness statements and body worn camera show the Deputy was professional throughout the interaction; the allegation was false or not supported by fact.	11/24/2020
IA2016-0505	9/2/2016	External Complaint	The complainant alleged her son was subjected to unreasonable force by two Deputies when he was arrested for an outstanding warrant. She also alleged harassment of her family.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP1 - Use of Force CP1 - Use of Force	Unfounded Unfounded Exonerated	NA NA	The force used by the first Deputy was found to be within MCSO policy and procedure. It was found the second Deputy did not arrive on scene until after her son was in custody; the allegation of force was false or not supported by fact. The allegation of harassment by the second Deputy was found to be false or not supported by fact due to her son being under surveillance for several felony charges.	11/25/2020
IA2018-0684	11/27/2018	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was driving erratically cutting him off and almost causing an accident.	GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles	Not-Sustained	NA	After completing interviews and reviewing body worn camera footage, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Deputy was driving recklessly.	11/25/2020
IA2019-0394	8/1/2019	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Sworn Lieutenant was rude to a homeless person when she called him a "home skillet." Additionally, it was alleged she cursed at him, berated him, and told him to get a job.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Not-Sustained	NA	Based on the inability to contact the complainants, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove an Unknown Lieutenant was rude.	11/25/2020
IA2017-0543	8/10/2017	Internal Complaint	A Detention Officer alleged a Detention Sergeant met privately with an inmate and conspired to label him as the person providing information to the inmate. The Detention Officer stated he has provided this information to a Detention Lieutenant and no action has been taken.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Associations and Fraternalization with Inmates or Prisoners CP2 - Code of Conduct - Rumors or Gossip GB2 - Command Responsibility	Exonerated Unfounded Unfounded	NA NA	It was found the Detention Sergeant did have meetings with the inmate to discuss his concerns and grievances and was within policy by doing so. The allegation of the Sergeant conspiring with the inmate against the complainant was found to be false or not supported by fact. The allegation of the Detention Lieutenant failing to take action was false or not supported by evidence.	11/30/2020
IA2017-0628	9/6/2017	Internal Complaint	It was alleged an inmate was mistakenly released when there was a hold with a \$500 bond.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Sustained	Written Reprimand	It was found the Detention Sergeant failed to perform her assigned duties properly when she did not verify the release of inmate, leading to an erroneous release.	11/30/2020
IA2017-0717	10/3/2017	Internal Complaint	It was alleged a Detention Officer has been conversing with an inmate and her family. It is also alleged that they knew each other previous to her being an inmate in a MCSO jail facility.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Associations and Fraternalization with Inmates or Prisoners CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Unfounded Sustained	Written Reprimand	It was found the Detention Officer did not make calls on behalf of the inmate; the allegation was false or not supported by fact. It was found the Officer failed to make a reasonable decision when he offered to contact the inmate's family for her.	11/30/2020

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IA2017-0736	10/9/2017	External Complaint	The CHS employee complainant alleged a Detention Officer is physically aggressive and verbally aggressive toward inmates and CHS staff. This included instigating inmates to react until force is used and making inappropriate comments and threats toward them as well as CHS staff. She also alleged the Detention Officer made several comments to her and inmates about being "gay". She also alleged the Officer opened the bathroom door while she was finishing washing her hands and made a comment about forgetting to turn the cameras on in the bathroom. An additional CHS employee alleged a different Detention Officer would purposely push the shower button outside of the inmate safe cells to torture the inmates.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP1 - Use of Force CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Employee Relationships with other Employees 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 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 CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Not-Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained	Previously Resigned/Retired NA	Due to the complainant and principal (resigned) not wanting to participate in the investigative process, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Detention Officer was physically aggressive toward inmates; made inappropriate comments reference an inmate's or CHS staff member's sexual orientation; or made an inappropriate comment about cameras in the bathroom to the CHS staff member. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Officer made verbally aggressive comments noted by the complainant; however it was found the Officer made an inappropriate threat to an inmate. There was also insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the other Detention Officer would purposely push the shower button outside of the inmate safe cells to torture the inmates.	11/30/2020
IA2017-0802	10/31/2017	Internal Complaint	It was alleged a Detention Officer was driving his vehicle at a criminal rate of speed.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws	Not-Sustained	NA	There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Detention Officer was traveling at a criminal rate of speed.	11/30/2020
IA2017-0833	11/16/2017	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Detention Officer asked her daughter if her hair "long dread hair" was a "religious thing." Additionally, it was alleged the Officer threatened to cut the inmate's long hair or place her in the "hole" if the inmate did not "do something" about her hair.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards DG3 - Food Services Section Safety and Sanitation	Exonerated Unfounded	NA	It was found asking if the inmate's hair was "religious" was within MCSO policy and procedure. During her interview, the inmate admitted the Officer never made a statement about cutting her hair; the allegation was found to be false or not supported by fact.	11/30/2020
IA2018-0154	3/8/2018	Internal Complaint	It was alleged two Deputies failed to properly investigate and document a crime of domestic violence when there was probable cause.	EA8 - Domestic Violence EA8 - Domestic Violence	Sustained Sustained	Employee Suspended Employee Suspended	It was found the Deputies failed to properly investigate and document a crime of domestic violence.	11/30/2020
IA2019-0053	2/6/2019	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Sworn Captain was untruthful during an administrative investigation. It was alleged the Captain violated his Notice of Investigation when he spoke about the investigation to other employees, including a Lieutenant. It was alleged the Lieutenant violated his Notice of Investigation when he called the Captain to notify him he was interviewed.	CP5 - Truthfulness CP2 - Code of Conduct - Insubordination CP2 - Code of Conduct - Insubordination	Not-Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained	NA NA NA	There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Sworn Captain was untruthful during his administrative interview. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Captain and the Lieutenant violated their Notices of Investigation.	11/30/2020
IA2020-0140	3/26/2020	Internal Complaint	The complainant alleged a Detention Lieutenant filed a complaint against her in retaliation for a complaint she filed on him.	CP11 - Anti-Retaliation	Unfounded	NA	The allegation of retaliation was found to be false or not supported by fact.	11/30/2020
IA2020-0171	4/13/2020	External Complaint	A Mesa Police Lieutenant reported a Detention Officer was cited and released for a hit and run accident. Additionally, it was alleged the Officer made a false or misleading statement to Mesa Police Officers during an official investigation. It was also alleged the Officer operated her motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws CP5 - Truthfulness CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws	Sustained Sustained Sustained	Employee Terminated	It was found the Detention Officer failed to conform to establish laws by leaving the scene of an accident and operating her motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. It was also found the Office made misleading statements in an official police investigation.	11/30/2020
IA2020-0287	6/10/2020	External Complaint	A complainant alleged a Detention Officer made racial comments on social media.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Social Networking Sites CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Sustained Sustained	Employee Suspended	The Detention Officer admitted to using the term "white power" to upset another Facebook user.	11/30/2020