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Supervisor Mary Sackett, Board President
Marin County Board of Supervisors
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San Rafael, CA 94903

Reference: Report of Citizens Complaints Received by the Sheriff's
Office – October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

Dear Supervisor Sackett,

Because of the interest expressed by the Board with respect to the procedure my office follows when receiving and investigating citizens' complaints of officer misconduct, I've instructed my staff to provide you and the other members of the Board with a regular quarterly report detailing the number, type, and outcome of all the formal citizen's complaints we've received during that timeframe.

The following terms seen below are defined in Sheriff's Office policy 1009 as follows:

Unfounded - When the investigation discloses that the alleged acts did not occur or did not involve department members. Complaints that are determined to be frivolous will fall within the classification of unfounded (Penal Code § 832.8). A frivolous complaint is one that is totally and completely without merit and for the sole purpose of harassing department personnel (Code of Civil Procedures § 128.6(b) (2)).

Exonerated - When the investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred, but that the act was justified, lawful, and/or proper.

Not sustained - When the investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the member.

Sustained - A final determination by an investigating agency, commission, board, hearing officer, or arbitrator, as applicable, following an investigation and opportunity for an administrative appeal pursuant to Government Code § 3304 and Government Code § 3304.5 that the actions

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of a sworn member were found to violate law or department policy (Penal Code § 832.8).

Referred Disposition – The complaint was appropriately investigated and resolved through other procedures and/or processes (i.e., the complaint was addressed through inmate grievance procedure).

Below is the statistical report listing complaints received from October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. I've asked my staff to include a brief synopsis of each complaint received to provide you and your colleagues with some additional detail and insight.

<u>Number of complaints alleging rudeness or deportment:</u>	0
Unfounded:	0
Exonerated:	0
Not Sustained:	0
Sustained:	0
Referred Disposition:	0
Still Pending Investigation:	0

<u>Number of complaints alleging excessive force:</u>	0
Unfounded:	0
Exonerated:	0
Not Sustained:	0
Sustained:	0
Referred Disposition:	0
Still Pending Investigation:	0

<u>Number of complaints alleging general policy violations:</u>	4
Unfounded:	2
Exonerated:	0
Not Sustained:	1
Sustained:	0
Referred Disposition:	1
Still Pending Investigation:	0

1. A conversation with the complainant and a review of video evidence revealed no wrongdoing by the deputy and information was given regarding traffic enforcement.
2. The deputy acted within policy and the law, and the nature of the accusation in the complaint did not constitute a violation of either.
3. A deputy did not sufficiently search suspected shoplifted items prior to returning them to a store as recovered property. The deputy's actions were not determined to be intentional or a violation of policy.
4. A complaint from an incarcerated person at the Marin County Jail was received and handled by custody personnel.

Number of Total Complaints from Previous Quarter:

Unfounded:	5
Exonerated:	0
Not Sustained:	0
Sustained:	0
Referred Disposition:	0
Still Pending Investigation:	0

1. The investigation into the rudeness complaint still pending from the previous quarter was concluded with a finding of 'Unfounded'. The complainant was satisfied as they had positive interactions with the Deputy after their report and did not wish to proceed with the complaint of rudeness.
2. The investigation into the policy violation complaint still pending from the previous quarter was concluded with a finding of 'Unfounded'. The deputies did not violate any law by refusing to take legal action against the government agency the complainant alleged was not authorized to govern the Richardson Bay.

Please be assured that regardless of the nature or outcome of the complaints received, my staff and I continue to use the information we gather as a result of these citizens' complaints to help identify any developing trends and to provide on-going training opportunities for our deputies.

I'm hopeful this data continues to prove useful to you and your colleagues. Should you have any other questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to call me.

Yours truly,



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cc Supervisor Brian Colbert
Supervisor Eric Lucan
Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Supervisor Dennis Rodoni
County Executive Derek Johnson