

MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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July 10, 2025

24-HOUR NUMBER

479-2311

473-4126

CIVIL

FAX

Supervisor Mary Sackett, Board President Marin County Board of Supervisors 3501 Civic Center Blvd, Room 329 San Rafael, CA 94903

Administration

473-7250

Reference: Report of Citizens Complaints Received by the Sheriff's Office - April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025

473-7282

Dear Supervisor Sackett,

COMMUNICATION

SERVICES

479-5324

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 auarterly report detailing the number, type, and outcome of all the formal citizen's complaints we've received during that timeframe.

473-6043 **COURTS**

CORONER

473-7393

The following terms seen below are defined in the Marin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) policy 1009 as follows:

EMERGENCY SERVICES

473-6584

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) SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (2).

INVESTIGATIONS 473-7265

JAIL 473-6655

UNIT 884-4878

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

PATROL 473-7233

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

RECORDS 473-7284

WARRANTS 473-7297

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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 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 incarcerated person grievance procedure).

Below is the statistical report listing complaints received from April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. 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.

Number of complaints alleging rudeness or deportment:	2
Unfounded:	0
Exonerated:	0
Not Sustained:	0
Sustained:	0
Referred Disposition:	1
Still Pending Investigation:	1

- A complaint was filed regarding the length of time a physician hired as a contractor for MCSO's Coroner Division to complete a report. The report was later produced and the contract with the provider expired 06/30/2025. The complaint would be correctly referred to the Medical Board of California, Central Complaint Unit.
- 2. Seeking additional contact from the Complainant and investigation remains open.

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

Number of complaints alleging general policy violations:	1
Unfounded:	0
Exonerated:	0
Not Sustained:	0
Sustained:	0
Referred Disposition:	1
Still Pending Investigation:	0

1. A complaint from an incarcerated person was investigated by personnel from the Marin County Jail, both as a grievance and with additional follow-up. Video evidence showed no violation and other accusations lacked foundation.

Number of Total Complaints from Previous Quarter:	3
Unfounded:	3
Exonerated:	0
Not Sustained:	0
Sustained:	0
Referred Disposition:	0
Still Pending Investigation:	0

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,

JAME SCARDINA SHERIFF — CORONER

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