

**CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**DATE:** OCTOBER 15, 2020 **FILE:** IA2020-0015

**TO:** CHRISTOPHER O'BRIEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

**FROM:** LIEUTENANT ALBERT COOPER  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT *Lieutenant A.C. 2045*

**SUBJECT:** UNBIASED POLICING REVIEW

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**ISSUE:**

By October 15th of each year the Internal Affairs Unit will conduct an annual administrative review of Agency practices concerning Fair and Impartial Policing, to include arrests, traffic contacts, field contacts, searches and seizures, and any asset seizure and forfeiture efforts which took place within the previous fiscal year.

**EXPLANATION:**

A review of Agency practices concerning Fair and Impartial Policing has been completed in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure. Statistics were compiled using agency records which contain the specified criteria, from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

In order to properly evaluate the enforcement actions taken by members of the department, below are the demographics of the citizens within the City of Hollywood as listed in the 2010 United States Census.

- White: (47.5%)
- Black: (16.7%)
- Hispanic: (32.6%)
- Asian: (02.4%)
- Other: (05.0%)

Below are the different types of contact as well as a breakdown of the race of the persons involved. Where the criteria allowed, ethnicity statistics are further broken down.

**ARRESTS:** Total arrests: 3334

- White: 2123 (63.68%)
- Black: 1173 (35.18%)
- Indian: 4 (0.12%)
- Other: 34 (1.02%)

\*\*Ethnicity was not captured\*\*

**TRAFFIC CONTACTS:** Total contacts: 8992

- White: 5608 (62.37%)
- Black: 2575 (31.97%)
- Indian: 27 (0.30%)
- Asian: 118 (1.31%)
- Other: 1 (0.01%)
- Unknown: 363 (4.04%)

\*\*Ethnicity was not captured\*\*

**FIELD CONTACTS:** Total contacts: 2312

- White: 1356 (58.65%)
- Black: 910 (39.36%)
- Indian: 4 (00.17%)
- Asian: 12 (00.52%)
- Unknown: 30 (01.30%)

\*\*Ethnicity was not captured\*\*

**SEARCH WARRANTS:**

There were a total of thirty-seven (37) search warrants executed on real property from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Suspects were identified and targeted in all of those said warrants. The race/ethnicity statistical data is broken down below. The information which led to the investigation resulting in these warrants came from a variety of sources. (i.e.; Citizen Complaints, Calls for Police Service, Patrol Assists.)

The search warrant breakdown per Unit is as follows:

- Vice, Intelligence and Narcotics Unit: One (1) Search Warrant (one subject named in the warrant)
  - White: 0 (0%)
  - Black: 2 (100%)

➤ Criminal Investigations Division: Thirty (30) Search Warrants

- White: 5 (16.66%)
- Black: 20 (66.66%)
- Hispanic: 3 (10%)
- Asian: 0 (0%)
- Unknown: 2 (6.66%)

➤ Traffic Homicide Unit: Six (6) Search Warrants

- White: 4 (80%)
- Hispanic: 1 (20%)

**Search Warrant Type:**

Evidence Collection	20
Evidence Collection (Clothing)	1
Evidence Collection (DNA)	2
Evidence Collection (Dwelling)	2
Evidence Collection (Phone)	2
Evidence Collection Facebook	1
Evidence Collection Google	1
Recovery of Stolen Veh	1
Narcotics	1
Blood	3
Medical	1
Vehicle Event Data Recorder (EDR)	1
Bank Statements	1

**FORFEITURES:**

There were a total of seven (7) seizures made from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, which stemmed from eight (8) arrests. Forfeiture actions were filed on two (2) of the seven (7) seizures. Below is breakdown of the race of the persons involved. Where the criteria allowed, ethnicity statistics are further broken down.

- White: 1 (42.86%)
- White-Hispanic: 1 (14.29%)
- Black: 3 (42.86%)

Forfeiture actions were not filed, in the other cases, because there was a high balance owed on the vehicle, the vehicle was not recommended to keep, the case was settled or it was not cost effective to litigate or the judge found no probable cause for the seizure. The Forfeiture actions were handled by City of Hollywood Police Legal Advisor Vanessa Maiorana.

### **Citizen Complaints:**

During this time period, six (6) allegations of biased policing were filed with the department, and each complaint was investigated pursuant to agency policy. See below for each type of contact which led to the complaint and the complaint's investigative outcome:

- Call for Service: 3
  - No further investigation Warranted
- Arrest Warrant: 1
  - No further investigation warranted
- Traffic Stop: 2
  - No further investigation warranted

Based upon the analysis of the 2020 Fiscal year data, it is reasonable to believe adherence to Department SOP #121 UNBIASED POLICING is being achieved as a result of current Departmental practices.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

No corrective measures are recommended.

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by:



Signature