



## ROCKLEDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Ref: Standard 2.06 (Bias-Based Policing); 2016

Please accept this memorandum summarizing the statistical data for bias-based policing practices for the year 2016 in the following categories: Traffic Stops, Issued Traffic Citations, Forfeitures, Field Interrogations and Citizen Complaints. The Department data was gleaned from the New World CAD & Data Management System used by the Rockledge Police Department, the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report submitted to the Department of Justice and internal Professional Standards Division records. The statistical data of the listed categories have been compared to the most recent Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010; drafted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the City of Rockledge.

Regarding forfeitures, 75% of property which was voluntarily forfeited, currently in the legal process, or awarded to the City of Rockledge under FSS 932.701 (Florida Contraband and Forfeiture Act) is higher for African Americans than that of White Americans however, this percentage does not take into consideration the two vehicles we are currently awaiting State Attorney approval on to file forfeiture (which are from two White Americans) and the small sample size. Taking those factors into consideration, our results are not indicative of the overall mindset or practice of the Rockledge Police Department.

For the year 2016, there were only five (5) external complaints on Department members and one (1) of those bias-based. I conducted a preliminary inquiry into the bias-based allegation made by the citizen and determined it to be unfounded. In fact, once I explained the Department procedures concerning the complainant's concerns, the complaint was withdrawn (Hard copy of that inquiry available).

After review, there is no evidence in my opinion to support officers of the Rockledge Police Department are engaged in any bias-based policing practices. The percentages of population to police contacts are within reasonable parameters.

## 2016 Bias-Based Policing Data

The following data regarding bias based policing was obtained from the Rockledge Police Department's CAD and Records Database System (New World).

FIELD INTERVIEWS FOR THE YEAR 2016		
RACE	MALE	FEMALE
WHITE	3	3
BLACK	2	0
HISPANIC	0	0
ASIAN	0	0
OTHER	2	0

60% of the Field Interviews were conducted on white subjects.

20% of the Field Interviews were conducted on black subjects.

0.00% of the Field Interviews were conducted on Hispanic subjects.

0.00% of the Field Interviews were conducted on Asian subjects.

20% of the Field Interviews were conducted on "other" subjects.

FORFEITURES FOR THE YEAR 2016		
RACE	MALE	FEMALE
WHITE	1	0
BLACK	3	0
HISPANIC	0	0
ASIAN	0	0
OTHER	0	0

25% of the Forfeitures were conducted on white subjects.

75% of the Forfeitures were conducted on black subjects.

0% of the Forfeitures were conducted on Hispanic subjects.

0% of the Forfeitures were conducted on Asian subjects.

0% of the Forfeitures were conducted on "other" subjects.

The following data regarding bias based policing was obtained from the Rockledge Police Department's CAD and Records Database System (New World).

<b>TRAFFIC STOPS FOR THE YEAR 2016; 2705</b>	
MALE	1,542
FEMALE	1,096
WHITE	1,748
BLACK	694
HISPANIC	168
ASIAN	28
OTHER	67

57% of the traffic stops were conducted on male subjects.

41% of the traffic stops were conducted on female subjects.

65% of the traffic stops were conducted on white subjects.

26% of the traffic stops were conducted on black subjects.

0.06% of the traffic stops were conducted on Hispanic subjects.

0.01% of the traffic stops were conducted on Asian subjects.

0.02% of the traffic stops were conducted on "other" subjects.

<b>TRAFFIC CITATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2016</b>		
<b>RACE</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>
WHITE	421	464
BLACK	176	80
HISPANIC	43	34
ASIAN	6	1
NATIVE AMERICAN	0	0
OTHER	43	38

68% of the traffic citations were issued to white subjects.

20% of the traffic citations were issued to black subjects.

0.06% of the traffic citations were issued to Hispanic subjects.

0.005% of the traffic citations were issued to Asian subjects.

0.00% of the traffic citations were issued to Native American subjects.

0.06% of the traffic citations were issued to "other" subjects.

The following is a sample of officers' traffic stops within the Rockledge Police Department and their stop histories:

Total Traffic Stops for Officer Robert Lynch; 208 (White Male)

Race of Driver	Number of Stops	Percentage
White	150	72%
Black	38	18%
Hispanic	5	0.02%
Unknown	15	0.07%

Total Traffic Stops of Officer Tyrell Garner; 175 (Black Male)

Race of Driver	Number of Stops	Percentage
White	111	64%
Black	42	24%
Hispanic	9	0.05%
Asian	3	0.02%
Other	1	0.001%
Unknown	9	0.05%

Total Traffic Stops for Officer William Wanca; 35 (White Male)

Race of Driver	Number of Stops	Percentage
White	21	60%
Black	8	23%
Hispanic	4	12%
Asian	1	0.03%
Unknown	1	0.03%

Total Traffic Stops for Officer Nicole Gutierrez; 34 (Hispanic Female)

Race of Driver	Number of Stops	Percentage
White	24	71%
Black	8	24%
Hispanic	1	0.03%
Other	1	0.03%

Total Traffic Stops for Sergeant Patrick Kennedy; 77 (White Male)

<b>Race of Driver</b>	<b>Number of Stops</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
White	50	65%
Black	20	30%
Hispanic	4	0.05%
Other	3	0.04%

Bias-Based complaints from the public:

For the year 2016, there were only five (5) external complaints on Department members and one (1) of those bias-based. I conducted a preliminary inquiry into the bias-based allegation made by the citizen and determined it to be unfounded. In fact, once I explained the Department procedures concerning the complainant's concerns, the complaint was withdrawn (Hard copy of that inquiry available).