



**Office of Inspector General
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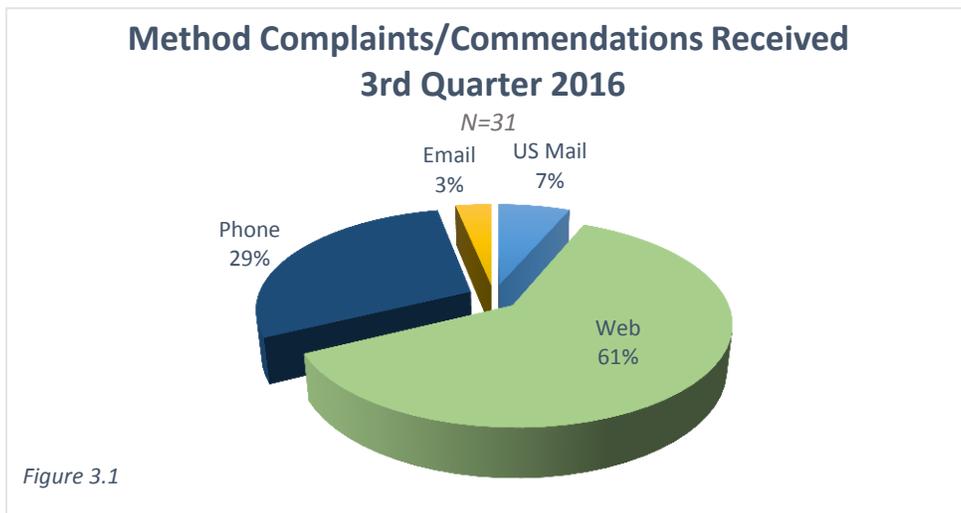
Introduction

This quarter focused on receiving and reviewing complaints, working on several officer involved shooting investigations, and a complaint regarding the accidental death of Tayon Shelby.

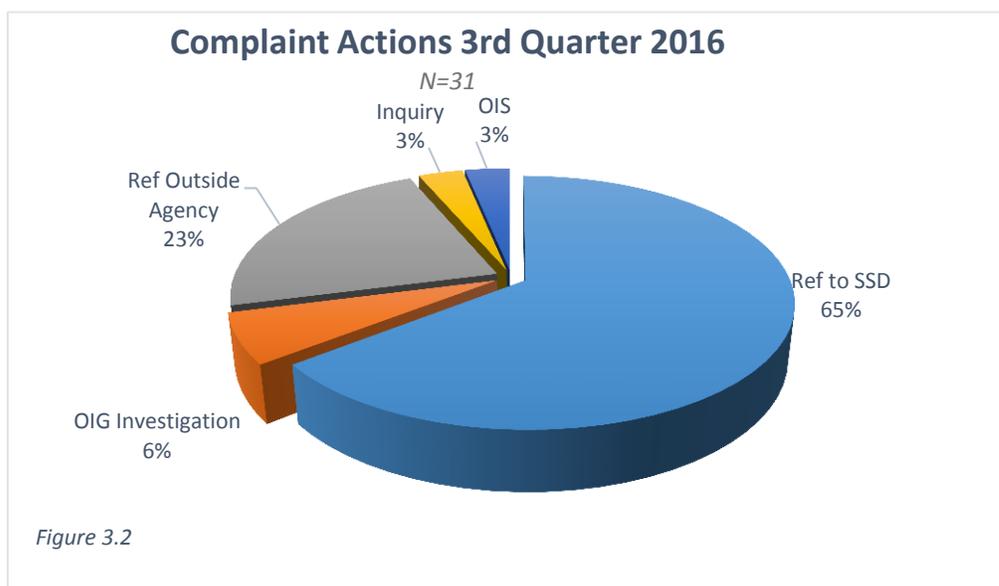
Complaint Summary for the Third Quarter 2016

The following represent the method complaints were received by the Office of Inspector General and the actions taken, such as referred to another agency for non-Sheriff's Department personnel, sent to the Sheriff's Professional Standards Division for investigation, or investigated by the OIG.

The Office of Inspector General received 31 complaints during the 3rd quarter of 2016. Nineteen (61%) of the complaints were submitted using the OIG on-line web form. Individuals wishing to remain anonymous accounted for 3 complaints.



Of the total complaints received, 20 were sent to the Sheriff’s Department for investigation or information and 7 were forwarded to other agencies. During the first six months of 2016, 46% of complaints were referred to the Sheriff’s Department and 35% of complaints forwarded to outside agencies or other county departments. Officer involved shootings are identified as “OIS” and “OIG Investigation” are those requested by the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, or issues best handled by the OIG.



Notable Incidents

Bruce Fritzsche Complaint

Mr. Fritzsche’s complaints are related to three incidents that occurred during the summer of 2015 involving the serving of divorce papers, the serving of a domestic violence temporary restraining order (DVTRO), and the revocation of his concealed carry weapons permit (CCW). The complaints include placing documents in his mail box; serving civil papers at his place of employment after he left a message for deputies to meet him after work; excessive force when a deputy un-holstered his weapon during the service of civil papers; and denial of his CCW appeal when he did not formally appeal the revocation or present evidence for an appeal.

The Sheriff’s Department was first made aware of these complaints in July 2015 and started responding to Mr. Fritzsche in August 2015. Additional concerns were later expressed by Mr. Fritzsche and investigated by the Sheriff’s Department. Based upon Mr. Fritzsche’s complaints the Sheriff’s Department concluded that there was a need for policy revisions in the serving of

civil documents. They also determined that the deputy who un-holstered his weapon during the service of the DVTRO did not violate policy. Mr. Fritzsche was not satisfied with the findings and filed a complaint with the OIG on January 11, 2016.

The complaints were reviewed and it was determined that the Sheriff's Department revision of policy was an appropriate response to the complaint related to the service of civil documents. The deputy was within policy when he un-holstered his weapon. However, it was recommended that the department review training in the service of civil papers by patrol deputies with attention to the emotional response of those being served, an emphasis on remaining neutral, and reinforcing the differences between civil and criminal processes.

While Mr. Fritzsche had concerns regarding due process in his CCW appeal, the Sheriff's Department followed their protocols in responding to a request for additional information that also appeared to be a request for appeal.

Mr. Fritzsche was informed, but not satisfied with these findings or recommendations and appeared before the Board of Supervisors to express his concerns. Mr. Fritzsche also requested all documents regarding the "civil rights violation investigation by the IG with regards to the Sacramento County Sheriff's office." In coordination with the County Counsel's office all documents were reviewed and those determined eligible for release were provided to Mr. Fritzsche.

Douglas Roberts Complaint

Earlier this year Ryan Douglas Roberts lost a bid for a new trial related to his conviction for the 2012 murder of 13-year-old Jessica Funk-Haslam. Following the denial for a new trial, Ryan's father Douglas made a complaint with this office accusing Sheriff's investigators of perjury and provided documents to support his claims. His complaint was reported in the [Sacramento Bee by Darrell Smith](#).

Mr. Robert's complaint and supporting documents were reviewed by both the OIG and District Attorney's Office. It was determined that the issues raised are similar in nature to arguments heard in motions before the Court, and evidence and arguments to the jury. Both the Court and the jury found the involved witnesses to be credible and similar allegations to be lacking in merit.

Mr. Robert was notified of this conclusion.

Main Jail In-Custody Death – Edward Currie

On February 20, 2016, Sacramento Police Department arrested Edward Currie and brought him to the Main Jail for booking. While being medically evaluated Currie began shaking and convulsing. Nursing staff immediately requested additional medical assistance and started CPR. Currie was transported to Sutter Medical Center and pronounced deceased.

Because the death occurred prior to the Sheriff's Department assuming custody of Currie, the primary investigative agency was Sacramento Police Department. The Coroner's Office determined the cause of death was cocaine intoxication due to ingestion. During the autopsy a

tied plastic baggie with multiple holes was discovered in Currie's stomach. The District Attorney's Crime lab confirmed the presence of cocaine as well as THC. The District Attorney's Office reviewed the incident and determined there was no evidence of criminal misconduct.

Tasks in-progress

- Review of the Sheriff's Department complaint investigative and findings process
- Work with the Sheriff's Department in the development of an early warning system
- Review of five fatal officer involved shootings (three prior and two during the quarter)
- Review of a serious injury resulting from a fall at RCCC and a death at the Main Jail
- Review of the investigation related to the death of Tayon Shelby