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THE INDEPENDENT MONITOR RELEASES QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON THE IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINE BY THE DENVER POLICE AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS

The Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM) released its first 2009 quarterly report providing details on the discipline imposed by the Denver Police (DPD) and Denver Sheriff (DSD) Departments and detailing the status of critical incident investigations and reviews. In keeping with its mission to provide transparency to the public, the OIM has, since 2006, published all disciplinary decisions regarding sustained findings made against sworn personnel of the Police and Sheriff Departments. The report lists summaries of the complaint and the discipline that was imposed. Discipline can range from a reprimand to termination.

The quarterly reports also identify cases in which the Independent Monitor may have concerns regarding the appropriateness of investigative and disciplinary decisions made by the Police Chief, Director of Corrections, and/or Manager of Safety. In this report, the Monitor, Richard Rosenthal, identifies a Police case where he disagreed with the Manager of Safety's final disciplinary decision and a Sheriff case where he disagreed with the decision to close an internal affairs investigation based on concerns about civil liability.

The OIM is responsible for (1) monitoring and reporting on investigations of sworn police and sheriff personnel; (2) making recommendations to the Manager of Safety, Chief of Police and Director of Corrections regarding case findings and discipline; and (3) making policy recommendations regarding how the Departments operate.

The OIM's Quarterly Report on Sustained Cases and Discipline and Critical Incidents can be accessed on its website at www.denvergov.org/oim.

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