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CIA2020-0013	6/16/2020	Internal Complaint Criminal	It is alleged a Deputy had an unintentional discharge of his firearm while on duty.	[No allegations]	Exceptionally Cleared	N/A	It was found there was no criminal intent or crimes committed by the Deputy during the firearm discharge.	1/4/2021
IA2020-0363	7/16/2020	Internal Complaint	It was reported a Detention Officer was arrested for a domestic violence assault by Phoenix PD.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws	Sustained	Employee Suspended	It was found the Detention Officer was arrested for a domestic violence assault incident.	1/20/2021
CIA2020-0019	9/23/2020	External Complaint Criminal	The complainant alleged a Detective sexually assaulted a female friend at her residence in August 2020.	[No allegations]	Exceptionally Cleared	N/A	The case was turned down by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office due to variances in the interpretation of the statute.	1/27/2021
IA2016-0747	12/9/2016	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy served a search warrant with excessive force. Additionally, the complainant alleged the Deputy made a spectacle of an innocent family and caused embarrassment to the homeowner during the execution of the warrant. It was also alleged the Deputy's search warrant and show of force was retaliatory for Sheriff Arpaio losing the election.	CP1-Use of Force CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unethical Conduct CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unethical Conduct	Exonerated Not-Sustained Exonerated Unfounded	N/A	It was found the execution of the search warrant and the force used was within MCSO policy and procedure. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the actions of the Deputy caused a spectacle or embarrassment of the family. It was found the allegation of retaliation was found to be false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2017-0535	8/9/2017	External Complaint	The complainant alleged during a background interview, a Detention Officer said "sign your death warrant." Additionally the complainant alleged he was not selected for employment due to his race. He also alleged an Unknown Officer said "we need to get more Mexican's in here" during his physical assessment.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unethical Conduct CP3 - Workplace Professionalism CP3 - Workplace Professionalism	Not-Sustained Unfounded Unfounded	N/A N/A N/A	The background interview and report were not available for review therefore there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Detention Officer made an inappropriate comment during the background interview. It was found the complainant was disqualified from employment due to failing his polygraph; the allegation of race playing a factor into his employment was false or not supported by fact. All witnesses present on the day of the complainant's physical assessment reported the inappropriate statement was not made; the allegation was false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2017-0603	8/24/2017	Internal Complaint	It is alleged that a Detention Lieutenant was rude and intimidating to a Detention Sergeant.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Sustained	Previously Resigned/Retired	It was found the Detention Lieutenant was rude and unprofessional toward his subordinate employee.	1/28/2021
IA2017-0610	8/30/2017	Internal Complaint	The complainant alleged the condescending attitude of her Detention Lieutenant caused a hostile work environment. She alleged his behavior was because she is a Hispanic female.	CP3 - Workplace Professionalism	Not-Sustained	N/A	There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the SIMS Clerk Supervisor was discriminated and treated poorly by the Lieutenant based on her race and gender.	1/28/2021
IA2017-0693	9/28/2017	External Complaint	The complainant alleged the Deputy yelled at her and made fun of her during a call for service. Additionally, she alleged the Deputy belittled her by asking her the date, who the president was, if she used drugs, and if she had medical issues.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Unfounded Exonerated	N/A	A review of the body worn camera showed the Deputy did not yell or make fun of the complainant during the call for service. The Deputy was found to have been within MCSO policy and procedure when he asked her questions to gauge her welfare during the circumstances.	1/28/2021
IA2017-0700	9/29/2017	External Complaint	The first complainant alleged a Detention Officer touched her buttocks when removing her personal phone from her pocket. The second complainant alleged the Officer touched her buttocks when removing a pair of gloves from her back pocket.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP3 - Workplace Professionalism CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Sustained Not-Sustained Not-Sustained	Written Reprimand	There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Detention Officer deliberately touched or brushed against the first complainant's buttocks. It was found the Officer failed to make a reasonable decision when he removed her cell phone from her pocket to stop her from using it while working. Due to a lack of witnesses or video evidence, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Officer touched the buttocks of the second complainant while removing gloves from her pocket.	1/28/2021
IA2017-0877	12/5/2017	Internal Complaint	It is alleged a Detention Officer made inappropriate/threatening comments about another Detention Officer.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Employee Relationships with other Employees	Sustained	Previously Terminated	A review of the witness statements found the Detention Officer made inappropriate and threatening comments about another Officer.	1/28/2021
IA2017-0911	12/18/2017	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy lifted the complainant up and slammed him on the ground for no reason.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws	Unfounded	N/A	A review of the Deputy's body worn camera footage showed the allegation was false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021



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IA2019-0277	6/4/2019	External Complaint	The complainants alleged a Detention Officer "grabbed" and "yanked" an inmate's arm in an attempt to remove him from his cell.	CP1-Use of Force	Exonerated	N/A	The force used by the Deputy was found to be reasonable and within policy and procedure.	1/28/2021
IA2019-0437	8/26/2019	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Reserve Deputy deliberately delayed assisting with a medical emergency by walking very slowly toward the injured party.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Unfounded	N/A	It was found the Reserve Deputy responded to the scene and provided assistance in a timely manner. The allegation was found to be false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2019-0565	11/6/2019	Internal Complaint	It was alleged a Dispatcher was arrested for sexual assault charges while employed at MCSO and failed to notify his supervisors. It was alleged the Dispatcher was untruthful to his supervisor regarding the details of his police contact and was untruthful to PSB investigators regarding the incident.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Keeping Supervisors Informed CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws CP5 - Truthfulness CP5 - Truthfulness	Sustained Sustained Sustained Sustained	Previously Terminated	It was found the Dispatcher failed to conform to established laws by committing sexual assault. It was also found the Dispatcher failed to report law enforcement contact to his supervisor and was untruthful about the incident to both his supervisor and the PSB investigator.	1/28/2021
IA2019-0582	11/19/2019	External Complaint	An anonymous complainant alleged a sworn Sergeant "badged" his way out of a DUI arrest.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Abuse of Position or Authority	Unfounded	N/A	A review of AZ DPS records showed there was no recorded traffic enforcement conducted on the Sergeant. Because of the lack of data, the allegation that the Sergeant "badged" his way out of a DUI arrest was false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2019-0591	11/25/2019	External Complaint	The complainant alleged an Unknown "Officer" listed false statements in his arrest report.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Unfounded	N/A	It was found the unknown Officer was not an MCSO employee but rather a Detective working at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. The allegation of an inaccurate report by an MCSO employee was false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0009	1/7/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged an off duty Deputy committed numerous traffic violations and confronted him and yelled profanities at him. He also alleged the Deputy identified himself as a law enforcement officer by presenting his badge and providing a serial number. The complainant also alleged the Deputy may have used a criminal justice database to conduct an unauthorized search of his license plate.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws GF1 - Criminal Justice Data Systems	Sustained Not-Sustained Unfounded	Employee Suspended	The Deputy admitted to identifying himself as law enforcement and using profanities while engaged in an off duty confrontation. There was not enough evidence to prove or disprove the Deputy violated traffic laws. Additionally, a records search showed the Deputy did not use the criminal justice database to conduct an unauthorized search of the license plate; the allegation was found to be false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0020	1/13/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was unprofessional when he made several inappropriate comments to her during her arrest.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Exonerated	N/A	To build a rapport, the Deputy engaged in conversation with the complainant to gain her cooperation. The alleged incident occurred, but the Deputy's actions were proper and did not violate policy.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0099	3/3/2020	Internal Complaint	It is alleged a Detention Officer failed to provide the proper documentation to the Leave Management Sections reference his unscheduled absences. Additionally, it was reported the Officer failed to call in to notify his supervisor of his unscheduled absences from 02/18/2020 to 02/28/2020.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Punctuality GC1 - Leave and Absences	Sustained Sustained	Previously Resigned/Retired	It was found the Detention Officer failed to provide leave documentation to the Leave Management Section and failed to notify his supervisor of his non-protected unscheduled absences.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0119	3/13/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy discriminated against her when he dismissed her concerns because she is a minority living in her neighborhood.	CP8 - Preventing Racial and Other Biased Based profiling	Unfounded	N/A	A review of the body worn camera footage showed the Deputy's was professional and provided assistance according to MCSO policy. The allegation of him dismissing her concerns due to her race or ethnicity was found to be false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0135	3/24/2020	External Complaint	The first complainant alleged a Detention Officer almost kicked an inmate in the face. The second complainant alleged the Officer used profanity toward her after almost kicking her in the face and told her if she filed a grievance, she would not win and would not be allowed in a "privileged pod" again. Additionally, it was alleged the Officer provided extra unauthorized items to Hispanic inmates and made accommodations for Spanish speaking inmates to watch Spanish programming in the television room.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP8 - Preventing Racial and Other Biased Based profiling CP8 - Preventing Racial and Other Biased Based profiling CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Unfounded Not-Sustained Exonerated Not-Sustained Not-Sustained	N/A	A review of the jail surveillance video shows the allegation of the Detention Officer almost kicking the inmate in the face was false or not supported by fact. Due to inconsistent witness statements, there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Officer used profanity toward the inmate or told the inmate she would be removed from the "privileged pod" if she submitted a grievance. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Officer provided extra items to Hispanic inmates because of their ethnicity. The Officer was within policy and procedure when she accommodated Spanish speaking inmates.	1/28/2021

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IA2020-0218	5/5/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged an Unknown Officer considered race during a law enforcement interaction related to her rental vehicle's license plate.	CP8 - Preventing Racial and Other Biased Based profiling	Unfounded	N/A	It was found the unknown Officer was not an MCSO employee but rather a Tempe Police Officer. The allegation of an MCSO employee considering race during a law enforcement interaction was false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0226	5/11/2020	External Complaint	The Surprise PD Officer reported a Detention Officer was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Damage. It was also alleged the statements made by the Officer to Surprise PD Officers was his attempt to receive preferential treatment during the investigation.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws CP2 - Code of Conduct - Abuse of Position or Authority	Sustained Not-Sustained	Previously Resigned/Retired	It was found the Detention Officer failed to conform to established laws when he was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and criminal damage. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the Officer identified himself as an MCSO employee to gain preferential treatment.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0242	5/22/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was rude, not allowing the driver to speak or respond during a traffic stop. It was also alleged the citation contained incorrect information, and the stop was unnecessarily long.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor EB1 - Traffic Enforcement CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Unfounded Exonerated Exonerated	N/A	A review of the body-worn camera provided clear evidence the allegation a Deputy did not allow the driver to speak or respond was false or not supported by fact. The citation was amended, correcting the stop's location, and technical issues extended the traffic stop indicating the Deputy's actions were not misconduct but lawful and proper.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0265	6/2/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Property and Evidence Custodian made a potentially inciteful Facebook post from his personal account that identified him as an MCSO employee.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Sustained	Written Reprimand	It was found the Property and Evidence Custodian made the comment on his social media account.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0303	6/16/2020	External Complaint	A citizen posted on a social media site that she alleged an Unknown Deputy was driving through a residential area at an excessive speed with no lights and siren on.	GE4 - Use/Operation of Vehicles	Not-Sustained	N/A	The complainant only provided vague details therefore the Unknown Deputy could not be identified. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0319	6/23/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged, during a call for service regarding criminal damage, Deputies did not perform a welfare check on a child inside the residence.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards	Exonerated	N/A	The complainant was not on scene when Deputies responded to the call for service. Body-worn camera footage and a witness interview confirmed the Deputy was never asked to conduct a welfare check and therefore did not violate MCSO policy.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0397	8/3/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy's attitude and behavior was unprofessional. She alleged the Deputy did not take her concerns seriously during a call for service.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Unfounded Unfounded	N/A	The Deputy's interactions with the complainant were calm, professional, and responsive to her concerns, finding the allegations false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0423	8/14/2020	Internal Complaint	During the investigative process for IA2020-0423, it was alleged a Detention Officer discharged his firearm in his residence while his children were home. It was also alleged the Officer failed to inform his supervisors of his off-duty police contact.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Keeping Supervisors Informed CP2 - Code of Conduct - Conformance to Established Laws	Unfounded Unfounded	N/A	It was found the Detention Officer did not discharge a firearm in his residence; the allegation was false or not supported by fact. Since there was no firearm discharge, there was no law enforcement contact. The allegation of the Officer not reporting the contact was false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0460	8/31/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy was rude and condescending, mocking and laughing at her statements while speaking over the phone about a distressing family issue.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct and Public Demeanor	Unfounded	N/A	A review of the body-worn camera and witness statements indicated the Deputy was direct and to the point, finding the allegation false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021
IA2020-0467	9/2/2020	External Complaint	The complainant alleged a Deputy took a criminal damage report by telephone instead of responding to the residence and asked the complainant's son to take pictures. She also alleged the Deputy questioned her about the information on her "green card" to check her legal status.	CP2 - Code of Conduct - Failure to Meet Standards CP8 - Preventing Racial and Other Biased Based profiling G11 - Radio Communications	Exonerated Unfounded Exonerated	N/A	The Deputy taking a criminal damage report by telephone and asking the complainant's son to take pictures was found to be within MCSO policy and procedure. The conversation between the complainant and Deputy was caught on body worn camera. A review of the footage found the Deputy did not ask the complainant about her legal status; the allegation was false or not supported by fact.	1/28/2021