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THE INDEPENDENT MONITOR RELEASES QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS ON THE IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINE BY THE DENVER POLICE AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS & A CRITICAL INCIDENT STATUS REPORT

The Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM) released its first 2010 quarterly reports providing details on the discipline imposed by the Denver Police (DPD) and Denver Sheriff (DSD) Departments. 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 discipline 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 internal affairs investigation that he believes was deficient and also identifies a police case where he disagreed with the Deputy Manager of Safety's disciplinary decision regarding a police officer who accidentally discharged a firearm in the Range 3000 Training Bus.

The Monitor also released a critical incident quarterly report, which details the status of critical incident investigations and administrative reviews. Critical incidents are cases in which a police officer or sheriff deputy intentionally discharges a firearm or where a detainee dies in police or sheriff custody (including suicides). The quarterly critical incident report provides an explanation of the investigative and administrative review processes as well as an update about all critical incidents that were pending or closed during the first quarter of the year.

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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