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THE INDEPENDENT MONITOR RELEASES ITS QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2007 ON CRITICAL INCIDENTS RELATING TO THE DENVER POLICE AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS

The Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM) has just released its fourth quarter report for 2007 providing details on the status of all pending Officer-Involved Shooting and In-Custody Death investigations and administrative reviews relating to the Denver Police (DPD) and Denver Sheriff (DSD) Departments. The newly issued report contains information on discipline imposed by the Manager of Safety as the result of an in-custody death investigation relating to an inmate death that occurred in February of 2006 as well as discipline imposed as the result of an officer involved shooting investigation on a shooting that took place in March of 2007.

In an effort to provide increased transparency regarding the administrative investigations and reviews of such incidents, the OIM has committed to publishing information relating to all incidents where a Denver Law Enforcement Officer intentionally shoots at a person or where a person dies in the custody of a Law Enforcement Officer. The reports provide summary information relating to each incident and the findings made after each Department finishes its administrative review of an incident.

In discussing the newly issued report, Independent Monitor Richard Rosenthal said, "This report shows that the City of Denver is dedicated to an increased level of transparency in the Police and Sheriff Departments' handling of critical incidents. This report will help ensure that city leaders, community members and law enforcement officers are made aware of the extent to which the Departments are policing themselves in this important area."

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 Critical Incident Reports as well as Quarterly Reports on Sustained Cases and Discipline can be accessed on the OIM website, located at www.denvergov.org/oim.

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