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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) published its quarterly reports on the imposition of discipline by the Denver Police and Sheriff Departments for the second quarter of 2009. In keeping with its mission to provide transparency to the public, the OIM has, since 2006, published reports summarizing all disciplinary decisions resulting from sustained findings made against sworn personnel of the Police and Sheriff Departments. These reports list summaries of the sustained allegations and specify the discipline that was imposed by the Manager of Safety or the Chief of Police. Discipline can range from verbal or written reprimands to suspension without pay to termination.

Included in these quarterly discipline reports is one police case where an officer was terminated for acts of domestic violence and lying to Internal Affairs as well as two police cases where substantial discipline was imposed for traffic accidents which caused serious injury or death to civilians. Also noted is a Sheriff case involving substantial discipline for deputies who failed to report a use of force incident. The Independent Monitor, Richard Rosenthal, stated, "These discipline reports reflect the City of Denver's commitment to providing transparency into the public safety disciplinary process that allows the citizens of Denver and rank and file officers to better understand how the Department of Safety holds its employees accountable."

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 Reports on Sustained Cases and Discipline can be accessed on its website at www.denvergov.org/oim.

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