

**GRAND JURY OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
TERM B OF 2021**

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021:**

The Grand Jury was sworn in by Judge Angelita Blackshear Dalton and the Grand Jury Charge was read. All questions related to the upcoming Grand Jury duty were answered.

**Thursday, April 15, 2021:**

15 Grand Jury members were present.

11 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department.

Of the 11 cases:

11 True Bills

The Grand Jury members also asked Sgt. Fisher to answer questions they had on the following topics:

1. Policies and procedures for traffic stops and high-speed chases.
2. Police Department use of body cameras.
3. Current laws regarding carry permits for handguns.

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021:**

14 Grand Jury members were present.

22 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. H. Fikes, Det. R. Hyatt, Det. K. Keating, Det. L. Smith, and Det. Nate Ellsworth of the Metro Nashville Police Department; and T. Faimon, Director of Communications Research at the District Attorney's Office.

Of the 22 cases:

21 True Bills

1 No True Bill

**Thursday, April 22, 2021:**

14 Grand Jury members were present.

19 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. K. Williams, Det. C. Dickerson, Officer D. Coble, Det. J. Walters, Det. T. McBride and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department and Special Agent R. Cloud of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Of the 19 cases:

19 True Bills

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021:**

14 Grand Jury members were present.

20 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. K. Whitfield, Sgt. S. Carrick, Det. M. Saxon, Officer K. Coleman and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department.

Of the 20 cases:

20 True Bills

Faye DeMassimo and Shanna Whitelaw (Interim Director of Public Works) of the Mayor's Office presented the proposed changes to Public Works and Water & Sewer. They also discussed the new Metro Nashville Transportation Plan. This plan can be found on the mayor's website. It is being recommended that Solid Waste be moved to Water & Sewer.

**Thursday, April 29, 2021:**

15 Grand Jury members were present.

21 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. A. Childress, Det. M. Windsor and Det. Nate Ellsworth of the Metro Nashville Police Department and J. Topper, Investigator for the Davidson County Sheriff's Office.

Of the 21 cases:

- 20 True Bills
- 1 No True Bill

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021:**

14 Grand Jury members were present.

26 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. R. Thompson, Det. C. Cote, Officer R. Ward, Det. K. Ward and Det. Nate Ellsworth of the Metro Nashville Police Department; and Officer A. Tangen of the Davidson County Sheriff's Office.

Of the 26 cases:

- 24 True Bills
- 2 No True Bills.

**Thursday, May 6, 2021:**

13 Grand Jury members were present.

31 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Sgt. W. Kinnaird of the Goodlettsville Police Department; J. Greg, Arson Investigator for the Metro Nashville Fire Department; Sgt. David Wright of the Belle Meade Police Department; D. Zoccola, Investigator for the District Attorney's Office; A. Julick of the Walmart Loss Prevention Department; and Det. W. Mathis, Det. M. Flores, Officer C. Valdez, Det. J. Grubbs, and Det. Nate Ellsworth of the Metro Nashville Police Department.

Of the 31 cases:

- 31 True Bills

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021:**

15 Grand Jury members were present.

37 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. M. Roland, Det. M. Tolzmann, Det. C. Dickerson, Det. B. McGrath, Officer M. Mitchell, Officer R. Allen, Det. J. Jackson, and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department; Det. A. Russo and Officer Jimenez of the Berry Hill Police Department; Officer D. Washington of the Davidson County Corrections Department; and M. Wright, Store Manager for Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Of the 37 cases:

- 37 True Bills

**Thursday, May 13, 2021:**

12 Grand Jury members were present.

29 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. K. Wiles, Det. R. Carrigan, Det. C. Martin, Det. P. Klarer and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department. Of the 29 cases:

29 True Bills

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021:**

13 Grand Jury members were present.

31 cases were presented. These cases were presented by Det. M. Iles and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department; Lt. S. Harding of the BNA Department of Public Safety; Investigator D. Becker of the Drug Enforcement Agency; and Special Agent R. Burghardt of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Of the 31 cases:

31 True Bills

**Thursday, May 20, 2021:**

13 Grand Jury members were present.

30 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. C. Wingo and Det. Nate Ellsworth of the Metro Nashville Police Department; Agent M. Moore of the Drug Enforcement Agency; and S. Perry of the Lowes Loss Prevention Department.

Of the 30 cases:

30 True Bills

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021:**

13 Grand Jury members were present.

22 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. P. Taylor, Jr., Det. J. Livingston, Det. B. Zullo, Officer R. Allen and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department. Of the 22 cases:

22 True Bills

**Thursday, May 27, 2021:**

14 Grand Jury members were present.

25 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Officer B. Quigley, Det. R. Gilbert, and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department, and Det. J. Hunter of the Goodlettsville Police Department.

Of the 25 cases:

25 True Bills

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021:**

12 Grand Jury members were present.

27 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by K. Litteral of the Home Depot Loss Prevention Department; Det. C. Dickerson, Det. T. Skopek and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department.

Of the 27 cases:

27 True Bills

**Thursday, June 3, 2021:**

The Grand Jury did not meet.

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021:**

13 Grand Jury members were present.

29 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by B. Wolters of the BNA Department of Public Safety; Investigator R. Martin and Investigator T. Wills of the Metro District Attorney's Office; R. Page and S. Woodall of the Kroger Loss Prevention Department; Det. E. Usherwood, Det. T. Morgan, and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department.

Of the 29 cases:

28 True Bills

1 No True Bill

Director Jill Fitchard, Director of the Metro Nashville Community Oversight Committee spoke to the Grand Jury. She explained how the committee works and how complaints against the Metro Nashville Police Department are handled. Meetings of the Committee are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 4-6PM at Howard School. (See Attachment 2)

**Thursday, June 10, 2021:**

14 Grand Jury members were present.

23 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. J. Dudley, Det. D. Boone, Officer E. Laury, Det. J. Jackson, Det. J. Zambardi of the Metro Nashville Police Department and S. Flenoy, a cashier for Twice Daily.

Of the 23 cases:

23 True Bills

Chief John Drake spoke to the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury asked him questions regarding one of the cases that had been heard. Chief Drake assured the Grand Jury that the police procedures surrounding this case are being investigated by the Office of Accountability. This will be a 2-4-month process.

Chief Drake explained that morale in the police force is improving. He also explained some of his initiatives, including the Mental Health Initiative that has been started and the Police Activities League that is in the beginning phase.

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021:**

13 Grand Jury members were present.

24 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by E. House, Twice Daily Shift Lead Supervisor; M. Booker, Investigator with the State Comptroller's Office; Det. J. Frank, Det. M. Dixon, and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department.

Of the 24 cases:

24 True Bills

**Thursday, June 17, 2021:**

13 Grand Jury members were present.

28 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by B. Hellwig of the Home Depot Loss Prevention Department; A. Martin of the Walmart Loss Prevention Department; Special Agent W. Turbeville, Office of the Inspector General (TennCare); Det. J. Haney, Det. C. Martin, Det. D. Barr, Officer R. Ward and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department.

Of the 28 cases:

28 True Bills

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021:**

12 Grand Jury members were present.

33 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Sgt. Mike Fisher, Officer N. Carter, Det. A. Manquero, Officer C. Augustin, Det. T. Conrads, Officer C. Prill, Det. J. Rummage, Det. M. Flores of the Metro Nashville Police Department; Fire Marshall M. Sells of the Metro Nashville Fire Department; and Deputy C. Newhouse of the Davidson County Sheriff's Office.

Of the 33 cases:

33 True Bills

**Thursday, June 24, 2021:**

13 Grand Jury members were present.

34 cases were presented to the Grand Jury. These cases were presented by Det. B. Zullo, Det. C. Martin, Det. T. Vondohlen, Det. J. Ester, Det. H. Fikes, and Sgt. Mike Fisher of the Metro Nashville Police Department; M. Stewart, a salesclerk at Dillard's; S. Perry, Asset Protection Manager of Lowes; and Officer H. Poole of the Goodlettsville Police Department.

Of the 34 cases:

34 True Bills

**A total of 522 cases were heard. Of these cases:**

**517 True Bills**

**5 No True Bills**

**Recommendations:**

1. A minimal sound system is needed in the Grand Jury Room. It should be one with overhead speakers rather than just an amplifier.
2. The Grand Jury daily pay rate should be increased.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – April Term, 2021 Grand Jury Membership. There are some signatures missing because those Grand Jury Members had not attended in a few days.

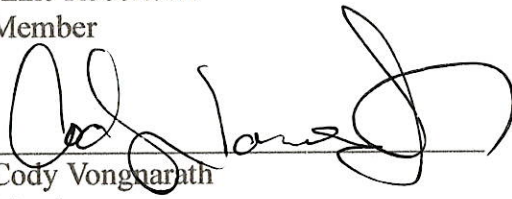
Attachment 2 – Metro Nashville Community Oversight Committee Monthly Statistical Report on Allegations and Resolutions of MNPDC Misconduct Complaints (dated May 19, 2021).

April Term, 2021 Grand Jury Membership

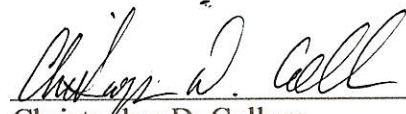
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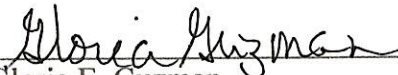
  
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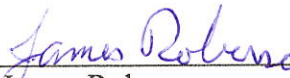
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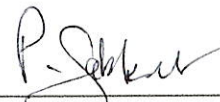
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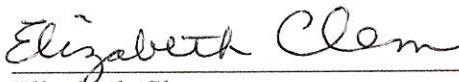
  
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Member, Sgt. At Arms

  
Penny Gabbert  
Member

  
Kurk Wheeler  
Member, Sgt. At Arms

  
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Elizabeth Clem  
Secretary

# Monthly Statistical Report on Allegations and Resolutions of MNPB Misconduct Complaints

May 19, 2021

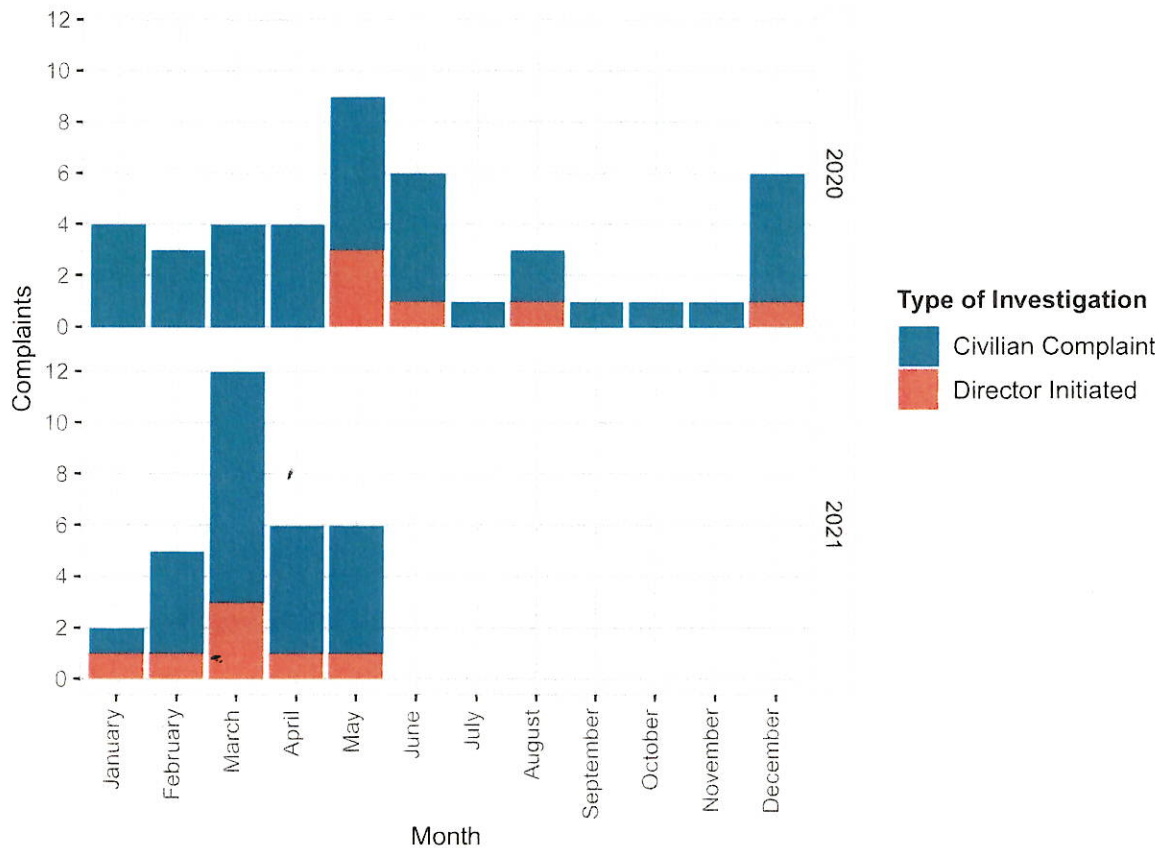


**METRO NASHVILLE  
COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT**

## Complaints made to MNCO

In 2021, 24 civilian complaints have been made to MNCO. In 2020, 37 civilian complaints were made. Of these 2020 and 2021 cases, 21 (34%) are currently open investigations. MNCO has initiated 7 investigation(s) at the direction of the Executive Director in 2021. In 2020, 6 director-initiated investigations were opened. Currently, 11 (85%) director-initiated investigations are open. From 2019, 1 case remains open.

**Total Complaints Made by Month in 2020 and 2021**





## 2021 Civilian Complaints and Director-Initiated Investigations by Zip Code

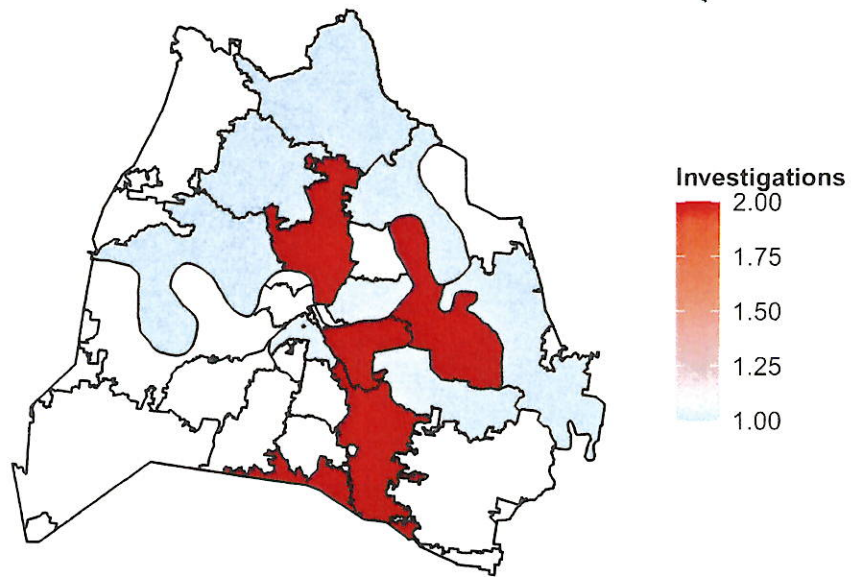


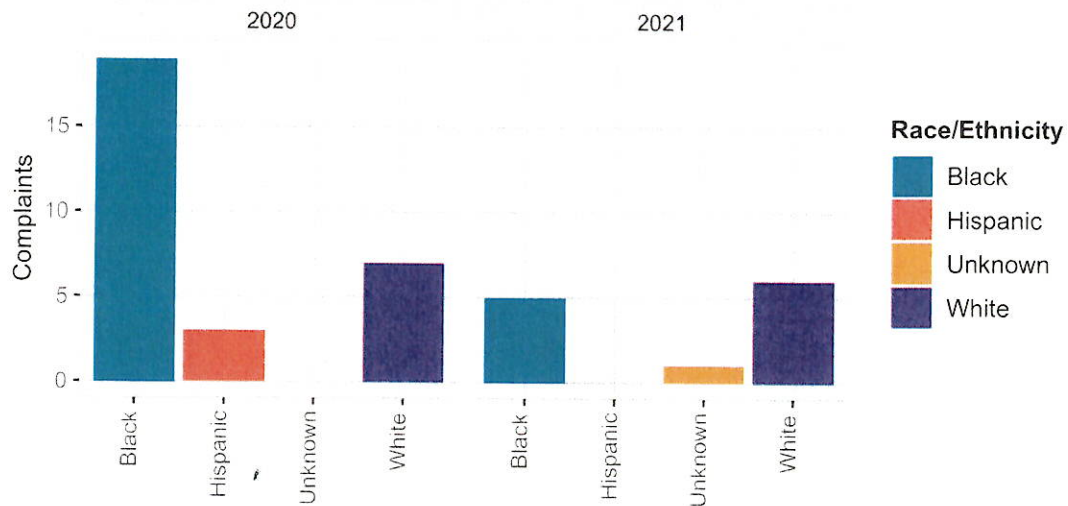
Table 1: Number of Investigated Civilian Complaints and Director-Initiated Investigations by Year in Each Zip Code Within Davidson County

ZIPCODE	2020	2021	ZIPCODE	2020	2021
37013	4	0	37206	3	1
37015	0	0	37207	3	2
37027	1	2	37208	6	0
37064	0	0	37209	0	0
37072	0	1	37210	2	2
37076	0	1	37211	4	2
37080	0	0	37212	0	0
37086	0	0	37213	1	0
37115	1	1	37214	1	2
37122	0	0	37215	0	0
37135	0	0	37216	0	0
37138	0	0	37217	2	1
37143	0	0	37218	0	1
37152	0	0	37219	2	0
37189	0	1	37220	0	0
37201	0	0	37221	0	0
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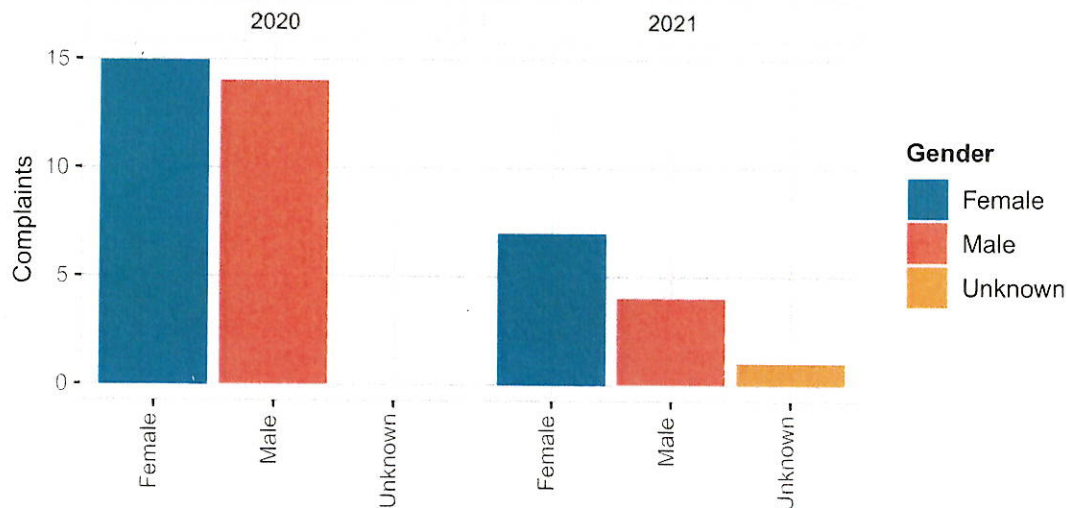
## Complainant Demographics

MNCO tracks complainant demographics to assess complaint trends and need in the community. The following graphs show complaints made to MNCO by case status and complainant race/ethnicity and gender. Only civilian complaints investigated by MNCO are included.

**Civilian Complaints Investigated by MNCO in 2020 and 2021  
by Complainant Race/Ethnicity**



**Civilian Complaints Investigated by MNCO in 2020 and 2021  
by Complainant Gender**



The following findings have been issued by the COB:

### Findings of Civilian Complaint Investigations in 2020 and 2021

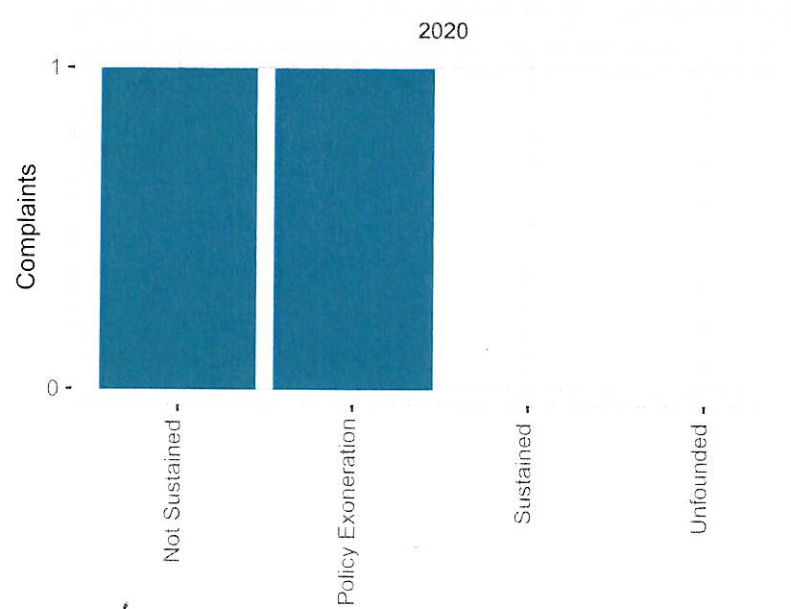


Table 3: 2021 Civilian Complainants: Case Status, Race/Ethnicity,  
and Gender (Some Complaints have Multiple Complainants)

	Investigated (N=12)	Not Investigated (N=12)	Total (N=24)
<b>Complaint Status</b>			
Administratively Closed	1 (8.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.2%)
Administratively Closed During Intake	0 (0.0%)	3 (25.0%)	3 (12.5%)
Investigation			
Intake Investigation	0 (0.0%)	5 (41.7%)	5 (20.8%)
Open Investigation	9 (75.0%)	0 (0.0%)	9 (37.5%)
Referred	0 (0.0%)	3 (25.0%)	3 (12.5%)
Suspended	2 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (8.3%)
Withdrawn by Complainant During Intake	0 (0.0%)	1 (8.3%)	1 (4.2%)
<b>Complainant Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Black	5 (41.7%)	4 (33.3%)	9 (37.5%)
Unknown	1 (8.3%)	7 (58.3%)	8 (33.3%)
White	6 (50.0%)	1 (8.3%)	7 (29.2%)
<b>Complainant Gender</b>			
Female	7 (58.3%)	6 (50.0%)	13 (54.2%)
Male	4 (33.3%)	2 (16.7%)	6 (25.0%)
Unknown	1 (8.3%)	4 (33.3%)	5 (20.8%)