

**Report Title: Review of Excessive Force in the Sheriff's Department:
Citizen Complaints, Legal Claims, Lawsuits**

Report Date: May 10, 2002

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Title: Lieutenant

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: **#1, #2**
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered **#1** have been implemented.

The Marin County Sheriff's Office shall continue to operate the Citizen Complaint system thoroughly and fairly.

- Recommendations numbered **#2** have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

A centralized records data base is currently under construction. It will include logging and collecting citizen complaint information by category; subsequent appeals of legal claims and/or lawsuits; and subsequent monetary settlement or payment growing out of the claim or lawsuit.

The centralized records data base will include tracking legal claims when citizen complaint is filed.

The centralized records data base will include identities of Sheriff's personnel involved in citizen complaints, legal claims, lawsuits, with particular attention to excessive force allegations is readily available for discipline purposes.

The centralized records data base will be capable of "cross-tracking" citizen complaints, claims and /or lawsuits in terms of multiple filings by the same citizen as well as multiple complaints against the same deputy or employee.

- Recommendations numbered **#2** requires further analysis.

(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)

The centralized records data base is currently under construction and is anticipated to be "on-line" no later than 9/1/02.

- Recommendations numbered **N/A** will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

(Attach an explanation.)

Date: _____ Signed: _____

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