Sacramento Police Department
IST – Quarterly Report and Training Updates

Inspection: Constitutionality of Arrests

The Sacramento Police Department Inspection and Standards Team (IST) conducted an inspection on arrests for the first quarter of 2021. The scope of the inspection was on the constitutionality of arrests made by SPD Peace Officers. Using a computer software randomizer 10% of arrests were selected, those specific cases were inspected.

Findings

During the first quarter of 2021 the Sacramento Police Department conducted 3,059 arrests. IST conducted a random audit of 10% of the arrests. IST inspected 309 arrests during the first quarter of 2021. The department made several recommendations for updates and trainings for the following areas: DUI Investigations, Protective Sweep Legalities and Domestic Violence Investigations.

Results

IST found that 6 cases needed further follow up. This was a 98.1% rate of no issues found. There was 1 Material Deficient Arrest, 4 cases referred to the Watch for retraining (Improper tactics and or policy violations), and 1 Case Correction needed (missing report). No cases were referred to Internal Affairs.

Definitions

**Watch Referral:** Errors or other issues present, meriting retraining or follow up at the watch level.

**Case Correction:** Probable cause was substantiated. However, a correction was required based on policy or legal requirements.

**Internal Affairs Referral:** Misconduct or other facts lead to an Internal Affairs referral for further investigation.

**Material Deficient Arrest:** A mistake of fact lead to an arrest in which probable cause was not substantiated.