Constitutionality of Arrests

The Sacramento Police Department’s (SPD) Inspection and Standards Team (IST) conducted an audit of arrests for the third quarter of 2022. The scope of the audit was focused on the constitutionality of arrests made by SPD officers. Using a computer software randomizer, approximately 5% of arrests were identified and audited.

Findings

In Q3 2022, SPD made 3,172 arrests. IST conducted an approximately 5% audit of arrest, which equals 154 arrests. The audit also identified training and research recommendations related to report writing.

Results

No Issues, 152
Watch Referral, 1
IAD Referral, 1
Audited, 154
Arrests, 3,172

Definitions

**Watch Referral:** Errors or other issues present, meritig retraining or follow up at the watch level.
**Case Correction:** Probable cause was substantiated, but correction was required based on policy or case law.
**IAD Referral:** Misconduct or other facts lead to an Internal Affairs Division referral for further investigation.
**Material Deficient Arrest:** A mistake of fact lead to an arrest in which probable cause was not substantiated.