## Memorandum City of Lawrence Police Department

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From:

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Tarik Khatib, Chief of Police

Date:

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**Annual Racial or Other Bias-Based Policing Report** 

The Lawrence Police Department has reported all instances of racial profiling or other bias-based policing since 2006 as per requirements of Substitute Senate Bill 77. Per Substitute Senate Bill 77, an annual report is compiled and sent to the office of the Attorney General for the State of Kansas. Additionally, the Citizen Advisory Board on Fair and Impartial Policing examines all complaints of racial profiling along with our department's response to each instance.

Requirements of KSA 22-4610 (d)(1) state that each agency shall submit their report on or before July 31, to the office of the Attorney General for review. Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, there were two reports of racial profiling and no reports of other bias-based policing incidents. Attached is the Lawrence Police Department's summaries for racial profiling reports for the aforementioned time period.

If you have any questions about this issue they can be directed to me.

Sergeant Casey Cooper

Office of Professional Accountability

**Attachments** 

## Racial Profiling and Other Bias-Based Policing Case Summaries July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

## Case 15-3 Disposition: Exonerated

An individual alleged an officer initiated a traffic stop on him based on his race and ethnicity. The investigation showed the officer conducted the traffic stop based on an equipment violation. Evidence showed that due to the time of the traffic stop and the location of the officer as the vehicle traveled past the officer, the officer was unable to determine the race, gender or ethnicity of the driver until contact was made at the driver's window.

## Case 15-5 Disposition: Unfounded

An individual alleged an officer initiated a traffic stop based on his race. However, the complainant admitted to violating the several traffic offenses the officer reportedly observed. The subject also believed the officer checked his driver's license for validation and warrants solely based on race. The investigation revealed the officer had sufficient probable cause to initiate the traffic stop and that checking the driver's license is common practice among all law enforcement officers during traffic stops.