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To: Sheriff Dan Smith

From: Lieutenant C.E. Cox

Re: **2006 REPORT-RACIAL BIASED TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN STOPS**

Reporting requirements:

(As defined in Chapter 2 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and Section 7 of the Uniformed Service Policy Manual)

TIER I - Due March 1 each year beginning March 1, 2003.

Contents:

1. A breakdown of citations by race or ethnicity.
2. The number of citations that resulted in a search.
3. The number of searches that were consensual.
4. The number of citations that resulted in custodial arrest for the cited violations or other violations.

Data results for period 01/01/2006 through 12/31/2006. The total number of stops = 22:

1. Detentions by race

Caucasian	12
African	5
Hispanic	5
Asian	0
Other	0

2. Detentions resulting in a search

Caucasian	4
African	1
Hispanic	0
Asian	0
Other	0

3. Searches that were consensual

Caucasian	3
African	0
Hispanic	0
Asian	0
Other	0

4. Citations that resulted in arrest

Caucasian	0
African	1
Hispanic	0
Asian	0
Other	0

TIER II - Due March of each year unless agency is exempt by law.

Contents:

1. A comparative analysis of the information contained in the individual reports in order to;
 - a. determine the prevalence of racial profiling by peace officers employed by this agency; and
 - b. examine the disposition of traffic and pedestrian stops made by officers of this agency, including searching resulting from stops; and
2. Information relating to each complaint filed with this agency alleging that a peace officer has engaged in racial profiling.

Data results for period 01/01/2006 through 12/31/2006. The total number of stops = 22.

1. Data collected on a total of 22 traffic and pedestrian stops reflects the following;

<u>Race</u>		<u>Searched by %</u>	<u>Total stops</u>
Caucasians stopped	54%	33.33%	12
Africans stopped	23%	20.00%	5
Hispanics stopped	23%	0.00%	5
Asian stopped	0%	0.00%	0
Others stopped	0%	00.00%	0

General Demographic Characteristics of Bell County general population (2000 census).

Caucasian	57.3% (white only)
African	20.4%
Hispanic	16.7%
Asian	2.6%
All other	3.0%

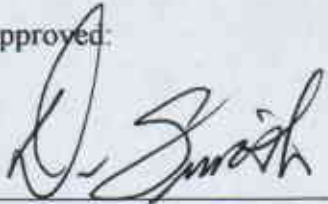
2. To my knowledge there were no complaints made against officers of this agency alleging racial profiling.

Conclusion:

The resources assigned to the patrol division of the Bell County Sheriff's Office are very limited. Because of extreme demands for "calls for service" and the need to provide preventive patrol in the rural neighborhoods, general traffic enforcement has not been the primary mission. The Sheriff's Office has traditionally looked to the Texas Department of Public Safety to provide primary support for traffic enforcement and accident investigation. The Bell County Sheriff's Office provides a supporting role to these functions.

Consequently, the number of traffic stops, citations, searches and arrests resulting from traffic stops are relatively low. Statistically, percentages applied to such low numbers are dramatic and should be kept in proper context.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Dan Smith, Sheriff
Bell County, Texas

Attachments:

Data reports

Graphs

Tier 1 Reporting Data

1/1/2006 thru 12/31/2006

Race	Count Of Race	Search Conducted	Search Consent	Probable Cause	Arrested	Citation Issued
African	Detentions by Race = 5	% of Searches vs. Detentions =		20.00%		
	4	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	1	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caucasian	Detentions by Race = 12	% of Searches vs. Detentions =		33.33%		
	8	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	1	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	2	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	1	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hispanic	Detentions by Race = 5	% of Searches vs. Detentions =		0.00%		
	1	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grand Total	22					

Tier 2 Data Reporting

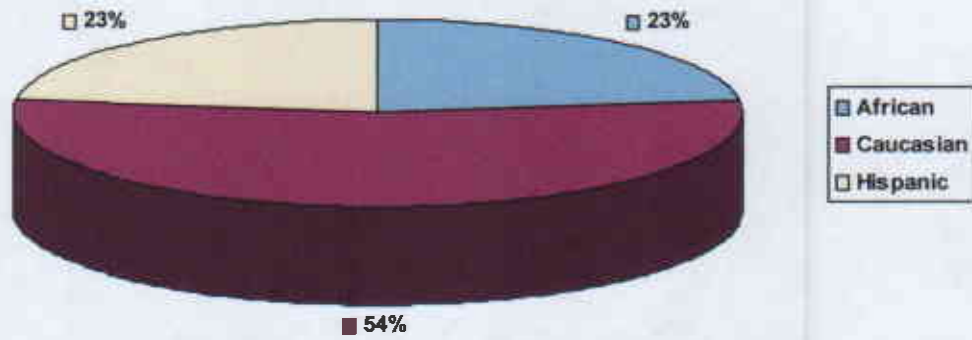
Race	Gender	Consent Law Violated	Contraband Search Conducted	Contraband Description	Probable Cause Supporting Facts	Arrested Offense Charged	Citation Street A	Violation Charged
African								
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warning
	Wrong way o	No						
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warning
	Wrong way i	No						
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warning
	Speeding	No						
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	None Found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incident to arrest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Intoxication	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Failed to mai	Yes						
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warning
	Speeding	No						
Caucasian								
	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Speeding in school zone
	Speeding in s	No						
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warning
	Failed to Yiel	No						
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ran stop sign
	Ran stop sign	No						
	Male	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None Found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strong odor of marijuana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warning
	Failed to cont	Yes						
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warning
	Speeding	No						

Race	Gender	Consent	Contraband	Contraband	Probable Cause	Arrested	Citation	Violation Charged
	Law Violated	Search Conducted		Description	Supporting Facts	Offense Charged	Street A	
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Speeding
	Speeding	No						
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Failed to stop
	Failed to stop	No						for school bus
	Male	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drug	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possession of
	Expired drive	Yes		paraphernalia				drug
								paraphernalia
	Male	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drug	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possession of
	Equipment vi	Yes		paraphernalia				drug
								paraphernalia
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drug	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MIP /
	Minor Consu	Yes		paraphernalia	Visible			Possession of
								drug
	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sppeding
	Speeding in s	No						
	Male	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	None Found	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FMFR/NO DL
	FMFR/NO D	Yes						
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warning
	Failed to Yiel	No						
Hispanic								
	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warning
	Speeding	No						
	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warning
	No license pl	0						
	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ran stop sign
	Ran stop sign	No						

Race	Gender	Consent	Contraband	Contraband	Probable Cause	Arrested	Citation	Violation Charged
	Law Violated	Search Conducted		Description	Supporting Facts	Offense Charged	Street A	
	Male Speeding	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No drivers license
	Male Speeding	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No drivers license
	Male No drivers lic	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warning

Race or Ethnicity Breakdown

From 1/1/2006 Through 12/31/2006



Race	Count
African	5
Caucasian	12
Hispanic	5

Search Conducted by Race

From 1/1/2006 Through 12/31/2006

