



Complaints Reported by Community Members and Sheriff's Office Employees

Bottom line: There were 168 complaints reported in 2019 in District 8, and Internal Investigations Unit (IIU) classified 118 of those complaints as inquiries, or serious complaints. Those 118 complaints included 227 allegations of misconduct, with the top allegation being excessive or unnecessary use of force. IIU did not sustain any of the completed complaint investigations for the top allegation.

Summary Report
8 District

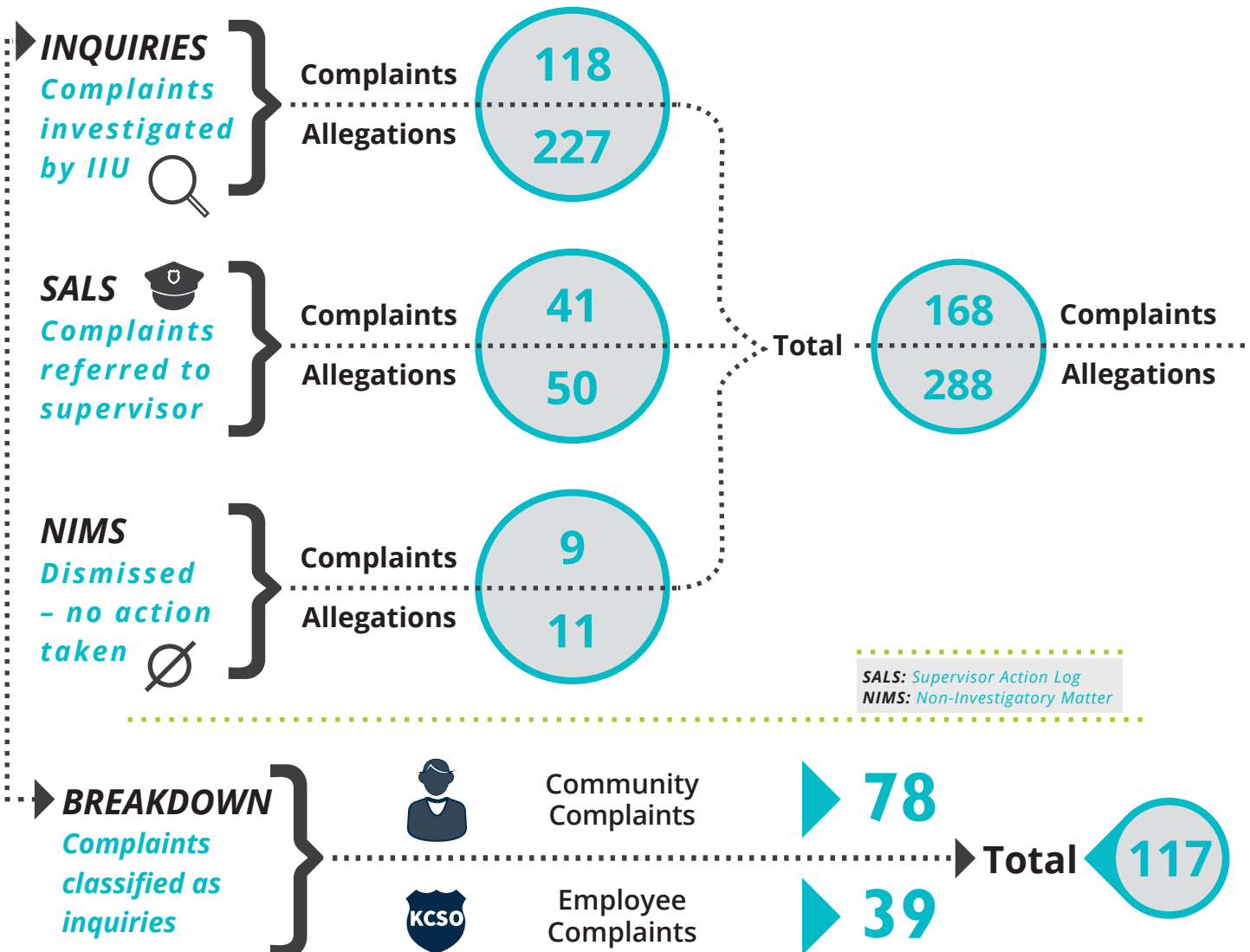
Reporting Year

2019

Councilmember

Joe McDermott

BREAKDOWN: COMPLAINT CLASSIFICATIONS BY TYPE



Note: One case did not identify the complaint origin.

BREAKDOWN

2019 ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT FOR COMPLAINTS CLASSIFIED AS INQUIRIES

ALLEGATION CATEGORY	COUNT
Excessive or unnecessary use of force against a person	46
Performs at a level significantly below the standard achieved by others in the work unit	31
Courtesy	19
Acts in violation of Sheriff's Office directives, rules, policies or procedures as set out in this manual, the training bulletins or elsewhere	18
Appropriate use of authority	16
Harassment based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability or sexual orientation	13
Biased based policing	12
All members must perform their assigned duties in a satisfactory and efficient manner	11
Conduct unbecoming	10
Making false or fraudulent reports or statements, committing acts of dishonesty, or inducing others to do so	9
Insubordination or failure to follow orders	6
Absence from duty without leave	5
Discrimination, incivility, and bigotry	4
Conduct that is criminal in nature	3
Fails to submit reports, citations, or other appropriate paperwork in a timely manner	3
Ridicule	3
Sleeping on-duty	3
Failure of training or qualification	2
Identification as a police officer	2
Not in file / none selected	2
Otherwise fails to meet Sheriff's Office standards	2
Willful violation of either Sheriff's Office civil career service rules, or King County code of ethics, as well as King County Sheriff's Office rules, policies and procedures	2
Accepting any gratuity, fee, commission, loan, reward, or gift for services rendered incident to duty as a deputy, unless approved by the Sheriff	1
Fail to supervise	1
Obedience to laws and orders	1
Retaliation	1
Supervision	1



**TOTAL ALLEGATIONS
FOR DISTRICT 8**

227

Note: Data includes community member and Sheriff's Office employee complaints.

BREAKDOWN

2019 DISPOSITIONS FOR THE TOP ALLEGATIONS IN THE DISTRICT

CASE #	ALLEGATION (#)	NOTES ON ALLEGATION	DISPOSITION	OLEO REVIEW
IIU2019-016	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (2)	Subject of an investigation refused to cooperate and when detained, subject complained of pain; subject's girlfriend claimed deputies used excessive force and it was because the subject was black.	Exonerated	Certified
IIU2019-035	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (3)	During a felony assault investigation against a bus driver where the subject failed to pay fare and refused to leave, the suspect assaulted deputies and was removed; deputies experienced pain and suspect sustained injuries.	Exonerated	No review
IIU2019-141	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (2)	Community member alleged excessive force was used during their arrest.	Unfounded	Certified
IIU2019-166	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (1)	Community member alleged that they were tased for no reason during a warrant arrest.	Exonerated	Certified
IIU2019-172	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (1)	During response to a disturbance on a Metro bus, community member alleged deputy used excessive force.	Exonerated	Certified
IIU2019-174	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (1)	Metro employee was unable to provide proof of fare, refused to show ID to Fare Enforcement, and was then handcuffed; employee alleged deputy harassed and threatened them.	Non-sustained	Declined to certify
IIU2019-226	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (1)	After several unsuccessful attempts to stop a community member who was in crisis and running into traffic, a major tased the community member to get her into custody.	Exonerated	Certified
IIU2019-240	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (2)	Community member alleged that they were pulled out of a stolen car by deputies.	Exonerated	Certified
IIU2019-252	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (6)	Community member alleged deputies broke her wrist during an arrest. Community member was arrested for punching a store clerk and attempting to steal beer.	Exonerated	Certified
IIU2019-262	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (1)	During a warrant arrest, community member alleged deputy pushed them against the deputy's truck and believed the push was unnecessary and offensive.	Exonerated	Certified

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CASE #	ALLEGATION (#)	NOTES ON ALLEGATION	DISPOSITION	OLEO REVIEW
IU2019-273	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (3)	Community member made an indirect complaint of excessive force against deputies following his arrest at the SODO light rail station.	Exonerated	Certified
IU2019-306	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (3)	During a response to a subject occupying a reported stolen vehicle with stolen firearms, illicit narcotics, and edged weapons, a deputy was assaulted during apprehension of the subject. Deputy deployed his taser on the subject.	Exonerated	Declined to certify
IU2019-310	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (2)	Complainant alleged deputies used excessive force when trying to arrest him for rob his neighbor's house. During the arrest, the complainant received minor scratches and complained of pain.	Exonerated	Certified
IU2019-328	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (1)	Community member with a warrant for criminal trespassing tried to walk away from a deputy and was pulled to the ground. This resulted in a scraped knee.	Exonerated	----
IU2019-330	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (1)	Deputy contacted an intoxicated driver who refused to comply with orders and resisted being taken into custody, which resulted into the driver being taken to the ground. While the deputy took the driver to the ground, his head struck the side of the vehicle.	Exonerated	Declined to certify
IU2019-396	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (2)	During a response to a car prowling call, subject alleges deputies caused them to run away, which led to unnecessary use of force.	Exonerated	Certified
IU2019-428	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (4)	During a response to a domestic violence call, subject alleged deputies used excessive force during their arrest for vandalism and assault.	Exonerated	Certified
IU2019-526	Excessive or unnecessary use of force (1)	Deputy responded to a call from Fare Enforcement about a woman who possibly did not pay the fare and refused to provide identification. Deputy removed the woman's purse from the light rail, and she followed him off the train. Once off the train she grabbed her purse and attempted to strike the deputy. She was arrested and complained of excessive use of force.	Non-sustained	Certified

Note: Five complaint investigations, including nine allegations of misconduct, were open and pending completion at the time of this review.