## STATE OF OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT



# ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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ATTORNEY GENERAL



#### Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

The men and women of the law enforcement community have my profound gratitude and respect. I appreciate their professionalism and commitment to the principles of honor, duty, integrity, service, and sacrifice.

As required by Oklahoma statute, the Office of Civil Rights Enforcement ("OCRE") has compiled a report detailing citizen complaints of racial profiling. By law, complaints of racial profiling are not investigated by my office, but rather are forwarded to the arresting officer's law enforcement agency. The law then charges the law enforcement agency with the investigation of the complaint for purposes of disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution.

My office remains committed to working with our law enforcement partners to keep our communities safe while ensuring the rights of all Oklahomans are respected and preserved.

Sincerely,

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Attorney General of Oklahoma

#### OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT

This report is submitted pursuant to Oklahoma's Racial Profiling Law, 22 O.S. (2011) § 34.3 - 34.5. The Racial Profiling Law ("Law") requires every municipal, county, and state law enforcement agency to adopt a detailed written policy that clearly defines the elements constituting racial profiling and that prohibits racial profiling based solely on an individual's race or ethnicity. The law enforcement agency must make the policy available for public inspection during the agency's normal business hours. *Id.* § 34.3(E). The Law prohibits municipal, county, and state law enforcement officers from engaging in racial profiling.

#### WHAT CONSTITUTES UNLAWFUL RACIAL PROFILING

"Racial profiling" includes interdicting, stopping, arresting, detaining, or engaging in any other form of disparate treatment against an individual based solely on the individual's race or ethnicity. *Id.* §§ 34.3 - 34.4.

#### RIGHT TO FILE A RACIAL PROFILING COMPLAINT

Any person who believes they have been subjected to racial profiling may file a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights Enforcement ("OCRE") and may also file a complaint with the district attorney in the county where the racial profiling occurred. *Id.* § 34.4.

#### **COMPLAINT FORM**

The official form to be used for filing a racial profiling complaint is the *Office of Civil Rights Enforcement Racial Profiling Complaint*. (See attachment #1). The complaint is available at the Oklahoma City and Tulsa offices of the OCRE and is also available online at the Attorney General's website: www.ok.gov/oag.

#### WHERE TO FILE A COMPLAINT

An individual or his or her representative may file the fully completed, signed, and dated complaint with the OCRE in person, email, facsimile, or regular mail. The OCRE's contact information is as follows:

**TULSA OFFICE:** 

**OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:** 

15 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1000

313 N.E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

**EMAIL:** 

**FACSIMILE:** 

ocre.complaints@oag.ok.gov

(405) 521-6246

#### INVESTIGATION OF THE COMPLAINT

The Attorney General is not charged with the investigation of racial profiling complaints. Rather, by law, upon receipt of a *Racial Profiling Complaint*, the OCRE must forward a copy to the officer's agency. The law enforcement agency must investigate the complaint for purposes of disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution. *Id.* § 34.4. If the investigation reveals the officer was in direct violation of the agency's written policy regarding racial profiling, the agency must take appropriate action consistent with applicable laws, rules, ordinances, or policy. *Id.* § 34.3(F).

## OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT RACIAL PROFILING COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2016

The Office of Civil Rights Enforcement ("OCRE") received six (6) racial profiling complaints in the 2016 calendar year. As required by law, the OCRE forwarded each complaint to the appropriate law enforcement agency for its own investigation and responsive action as warranted. All complaints were based on race. Summary information regarding the complaints is itemized below.

Additionally, summary information regarding the disposition of the remaining three (3) complaints pending in the 2015 Racial Profiling Report is itemized below.

#### Report of Disposition of 2015 Complaints

NO.	AGENCY	COMPLAINANT	DISPOSITION
8.	Lawton Police Department	Derek Beardsley	No Cause
9.	Oklahoma Highway Patrol	Samuel Virgo	No Cause
10.	McAlester Police Department	E.L. Donavious	No Cause

#### Report of Disposition of 2016 Complaints

NO.	AGENCY	COMPLAINANT	DISPOSITION
1.	Weleetka Police Department	Johnny Hopes-Bet	No Cause
2.	Oklahoma City Police Department	John Whitfield	No Cause
3.	Tulsa Police Department	Delmond Cozart	Pending
4.	Duncan Police Department	Diamond Jones	No Cause
5.	Bethany Police Department	Amin Odeh	Pending
6.	Guymon Police Department	Cody Martinez	No Cause

## OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The Office of Civil Rights Enforcement is dedicated to enforcing Oklahoma's anti-discrimination laws and to educating Oklahomans regarding their rights and responsibilities under civil rights laws.

### Attachment "1"



#### Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General Office of Civil Rights Enforcement RACIAL PROFILING COMPLAINT

#### Office Use Only

Date of Initial Inquiry		Inquiry # (OAG use only)			
Type of Inquiry (circle): Walk In		Telephone		Mail In	
Date Information Mailed _		_ By		Date	e Returned
Information Completed	Yes	No			
Please Print					
Name	Addre	SS	Te	lephone	
City State	e County		_Zip Code _		Birth Date
Gender: Male Fe					
Law Enforcement Agency	7		Name of	f Officer	
Badge #	Race		_ Gender:	Male	Female
Address			Telephone _		
City	State	County _			_ Zip Code
Date of Incident:		Location of	Incident:		
Summons Number(s)					
Alleged Violation(s) (Reas	on for the stop o	r detention)		***************************************	
Please attach a copy of th	e ticket, if appli	cable, or any sı	pporting do	cumenta	tion.
Witness information (if a	pplicable)				
Name 1		Address			Contact Number
2					
3					

ason(s) you believe that this police action was taken due to racial profiling:		
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ns to the Office of Civil Rights Enforcement at (405) 521-3921.		
Date	_	
Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General Office of Civil Right Enforcement 313 N.E. 21 <sup>st</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105 Facsimile: (405) 521-6246		
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Email: ocre.complaints@oag.ok.gov