



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Attn: Samuel Sinyangwe
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 133652
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Boston, MA 02115

RE: California Public Records Act request received September 11, 2022

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe:

I am writing on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office in response to the above-referenced Public Records Act (PRA) request, which seeks use of force data maintained by the Sheriff's Professional Standards Unit. This letter serves as our response made pursuant to Government Code section 6253(c).

The use of force statistics provided below includes the documented total number of use of force incidents between patrol and custody operations in 2021. As you will see, there were a total of 66 use of force incidents in the San Luis Obispo County Jail. Of the 66 use of force incidents in the jail, 36 of them were due to the application of the WRAP restraint. The WRAP restraint is a polyurethane soft restraints and waist restraints that are applied to control an inmate who is assaultive, engaging in self-injurious behavior, or attempting to damage property. Each time the WRAP is applied, it counts as a reportable use of force. The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Custody Manual section 523.3 clearly outlines when the WRAP may be applied. (See http://www.slosheriff.org/San_Luis_Obispo_County_SO_Custody_Manual_April_2022.pdf Page 277).

Provided below are your requests along with our responses:

1. The total number of use of force incidents, separated by type of force and year used in 2021 (for example, information that specifies the number of taser incidents in 2021, baton incidents in 2021, etc.). Please include as part of this a breakdown of how many use of force incidents in each year were related to law enforcement operations and how many were related to correctional/custodial operations.

81 Total use of force reports (15 Patrol operations and 66 Custody Operations)

- WRAP reports- 36
- Control Holds- 25
- OC Deployments- 18
- K9 Apprehensions- 2

2. The total number of civilian complaints alleging any form of law enforcement misconduct that were reported and the total number sustained in 2021.

39 reported / 9 sustained

3. The total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained in 2021.

1 reported / 0 sustained

4. The total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained in 2021.

1 reported / 0 sustained

5. The total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained in 2021.

7 reported / 1 sustained

6. The total number of officer involved shootings in 2021, both fatal and non-fatal.

0 officer-involved shootings

If you have any follow-up questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very truly yours,



Kati Porter
Sheriff's Records Manager

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