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Sean,

Reporting of assault offenses is based on the Federal NIBRS definitions of assault and these are not neatly aligned with Oregon statutes. Aggravated assault ranges from assault 1 (Measure 11) to menacing with a weapon (misdemeanor). A cases can include multiple reported assault offenses and assault offense types, as well as other offenses. The assault detail generally investigates Measure 11 assault cases, a subset of the aggravated assault cases. Though some Measure 11 assaults may be assigned to other investigative units depending on cases specific circumstances. Due to the way offense information is captured in RegJIN, the Police Bureau's current record management system, we cannot easily distinguish Measure 11 assault cases from other aggravated assault cases. The assault case are reviewed by a supervisor in the Detectives Division and Measure 11 cases are assigned to the Detective Division's Assault Detail to investigate. It is difficult track investigative work in RegJIN, so we have to make assumptions based on follow up assignment and clearance codes. This may not capture the investigative work done by patrol. There are also delays with the entry of some of this information, so we have provided updated 2017 numbers for you. Cases not considered investigated or cleared based on our methodology did not necessarily go uninvestigated.

For the statistics below, a case was considered investigated or cleared if:

- 1) An arrest for any charge was associated with the case.
- 2) The case was assigned to a primary investigator, secondary investigator or patrol for follow-up (any RU).
- 3) The case status indicates a referral for prosecution or to another agency, arrest by another agency, or an exceptional clearance.

Updated numbers that uses the above methodology:

55% of 2017 assault cases were investigated by any unit or cleared
62% of cases with an aggravated assault offense were investigated by any unit or cleared
56% of cases with a simple assault offense were investigated by any unit or cleared
50% of cases with an intimidation offense were investigated by any unit or cleared

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Hello, Officer Burley. I want to check in on this since we're a few days past the deadline. Does the Portland Police Bureau have any comment or is there anything that the bureau would like to clarify about the report?

Please let me know if you have any questions for me.

Best,
Sean

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In 2017, there were a total of **8,050** assault offenses reported to the Portland Police Bureau. Assault offenses include three specific National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) offense types.

- 1) **Aggravated assault:** An unlawful attack by one person on another involving a weapon and/or severe injury to the victim.
- 2) **Simple assault:** An unlawful attack by one person on another not involving a weapon or severe injury to the victim.
- 3) **Intimidation:** To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threats or other conduct without the display of a weapon or actual physical attack. Includes stalking and threats.

A REPORTED OFFENSE IS NOT THE SAME AS A CASE

The Portland Police Bureau counts **1** offense for each victim of assault on a case. In 2017, there were **7,267** cases with a reported assault offenses.

8,050 reported assault offense → **7,267** cases with an assault offense

How many of the 2017 assault cases have been investigated or cleared?

A case was considered investigated or cleared if:

- 1) An arrest including an assault charge was associated with the case
- 2) The case was assigned for investigation to detectives or another investigative unit. Assault cases can be assigned to detectives in the Assault Detail, but sometimes these cases are assigned to investigators in other units including Domestic Violence Reduction Unit, Gang Enforcement Team, and other units within the Detectives Division.
- 3) The case status indicates a referral for prosecution or to another agency, arrest by another agency, or an exceptional clearance

51% of 2017 assault case were investigated or cleared

59% of cases with an aggravated assault offense were investigated or cleared

52% of cases with a simple assault offense were investigated or cleared

43% of cases with an intimidation offense were investigated or cleared