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The CCRB received 517 complaints within its jurisdiction in June 2014. This was 77 more complaints than in the same period of 2013, when the CCRB received 440 complaints. The total intake for the month of June 2014 was 1,190 cases. [page 5 of the report]

The Board closed 258 cases in June, that is 2,442 cases year-to-date. In the first six months of 2014, the Board closed 901 full investigations, including 137 substantiated complaints. Year-to-date, the substantiation rate is 15.2%. [page 8 of the report]

In June, civilians and officers mediated 19 cases. Year-to-date, CCRB has mediated 81 cases. In June, the CCRB closed 14 cases as mediation attempted. From January through June, the Board closed 83 cases as "mediation attempted". [page 8 of the report]

The numbers for May 2014 have been adjusted to reflect changes in case type and complaint activity numbers. We initially reported that we received 455 complaints. We can now report we received 442 complaints. The numbers for January through May 2014 have been also adjusted. The total number of complaints received from January through May 2014 is 2,222, not 2,239 as originally reported. [page 6 of the report]

From January through June 2014, the CCRB received 2,739 complaints. That is 187 more than in the same period of 2013, when the CCRB received 2,552 complaints. Year-to-date, the CCRB has received 7% more complaints than in the same period last year. [page 5 of the report]

The detailed monthly statistical report includes two forms of reporting on the disposition of CCRB cases: the first report indicates the truncation rate [page 8 of the report] and the second report provides the case resolution rate [page 9 of the report].

From January through June, the amended truncation rate, which excludes cases closed as complaint withdrawn, is 49.4%. In the same period of 2013, the truncation rate was 57.4%. From January through June 2014, the case resolution rate is 43.6%. In the same period of 2013, this rate was 33.7%.

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The agency's docket at the end of June 30, 2014 was 2,662 cases. This was a 10% increase of the open docket of May, when it was 2,420. Measured by the date the CCRB received the complaints, 94% of our open investigations stem from complaints filed within the last year, and 65% were filed in the last four months. [page 1 of the report]

Of those 2,662 open cases, 588 were awaiting panel review, (22% of the docket); 1,833 were being investigated (69% of the docket) and 241 cases were in the mediation program (9% of the docket.) [page 2 of the report]

By date of incident, 13 cases in the CCRB's open docket were 18 months and older. This was .5% of the open docket. This is 2 more cases than in May 2014 when there were 11 such cases. [page 3 of the report]

The breakdown of June 2014, SOL cases is as follows: 5 cases are currently pending Board review. Of these 5 cases, one case was previously returned by the Board for further investigation, one case was re-opened, one case was on DA hold, one case was filed late and in one case there was an investigative delay. In two of these cases, the SOL crime exception applies. [page 3 of the report]

Of the remaining 8 open investigations, the SOL crime exception applies to 5 cases. 3 cases are on DA hold; 3 cases were filed months after the date of incident; 1 case was re-opened months after it was originally closed; and 1 case in mediation was delayed due to MOS identification issues. [page 3 of the report]

In May 2014, the Police Department closed 7 substantiated cases involving 9 officers. Of these 9 officers, 4 officers received Instructions and the Department declined to prosecute cases against 5 officers. In May, the disciplinary action rate was 44%, and 61% year-to-date. The year-to-date rate, in which the Police Department has declined to prosecute, is 24.5%. [page 26 of the report]

In June 2014, the Board substantiated 8 cases with a recommendation of Charges and Specifications. These cases were forwarded to the APU. [page 10 of the report]

At the end of June, the open docket of the APU was comprised of 207 cases. As reported in last month's statistics, the Police Commissioner modified the disposition in two cases in March; those cases are still awaiting final disposition. In 20 cases pleas have been entered and are awaiting approval by the Police Commissioner; in 1 case a trial verdict was rendered and is awaiting approval by the Police Commissioner; 21 trials were completed and are awaiting verdicts; 8 trials were commenced but not completed; 41 trials are scheduled; 30 cases are calendared for court appearances; 53 cases are awaiting their initial court appearance after

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charges have been served; in 3 cases charges have been filed but are awaiting service; and 28 cases are awaiting the filing of charges. [page 34 of the report]

There were 3 final dispositions of APU trials in June 2014. In the first case, the Trial Commissioner found the officer guilty of 2 of the 3 charges. The APU recommended the forfeiture of 15 vacation days as penalty. The Police Commissioner imposed a forfeiture of 8 vacation days, consistent with the Trial Commissioner's recommendation. In the second case, the Police Commissioner adopted the Trial Commissioner's recommendation that the officer be found not guilty. In the third case the Trial Commissioner found the officer guilty. The APU recommended the forfeiture of 10 vacation days. The Police Commissioner imposed the forfeiture of five vacation days, consistent with the Trial Commissioner's recommendation. [page 35 of the report]

Additionally, the Police Commissioner dismissed one case at the request of the APU and retained another case involving two officers. [page 36 of the report]