

**CITY OF AVENTURA**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Steven Steinberg, Chief of Police

**FROM:** Captain William J. Washa Jr.  
Investigative Services Division

**SUBJECT:** Complaints – 2008 Annual Report

**DATE:** January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

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This annual audit of Citizen Complaints is conducted in accordance with PD # V., I.

This report covers complaints from January 1, 2008 to December 31st, 2008.

Supervisors of the Aventura Police Department investigated twenty-seven (27) complaints brought by twenty-seven (27) complainants against thirty-three (33) employees.

Two (2) complaints were classified as employee misconduct. During the investigation into the first it was determined that the complaint was falsely made and the complainant was arrested and charged with making a false allegation. The second complaint was investigated and the allegation was determined to be not sustained.

The following are violations considered as Internal Affairs Investigations:

Criminal law violations

Brutality (serious injury complaints)

Civil Rights violations

Serious unethical conduct that may not be criminal

Any complaint deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police

Twenty-seven (27) complaints were classified as Citizen Complaints, which include "all other complaints".

Citizen Complaint Investigations resulted in thirteen (13) Unfounded, nine (9) Exonerated, one (1) Unsubstantiated, one (1) Suspended, one (1) sustained, and two (2) not sustained.

Complaints were classified in the following areas:

1. Improper Behavior	13
2. False Arrest	1
3. Improper Investigation	1
4. Harassment	3
5. Racial Profiling	1
6. Improper Procedure	4
7. Improper Driving	1
8. Excessive Force	1
9. Threats/Stalking	1 (Civilian Employee)
10. Unknown	1 (Complainant unable to Identify Officer)

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