

**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**  
Police Department

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chief Jason Sugg  
**FROM:** Lt. J. Richard Taylor  
**DATE:** January 29, 2024  
**RE:** 2023 Annual Statistical Summary of Complaint and Internal Affairs Investigations

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It is the policy of the East Carolina University Police Department to investigate all complaints from the public and its employees. All complaints are accepted and documented. Complaints may be submitted in person, over the phone, through e-mail, or in writing. Anonymous complaints from persons who wish their names to be held in confidence will be accepted for investigation. Annual internal affairs statistical summaries and procedures for filing a complaint or commendation/compliment are available to the public and all personnel on our website at [www.ecu.edu/police/](http://www.ecu.edu/police/).

Pursuant to General Order 300-22, I have completed an annual statistical summary of all complaints, the Internal Affairs Investigations and Supervisor Inquiries completed by members of our agency in 2023. During calendar year 2023, we initiated four (4) Internal Investigations involving four (4) different members of the ECU Police Department. These complaints were from citizens and involved sworn police officers. Three (3) of the complaints were investigated as Internal Affairs Complaints and one (1) was investigated as a Supervisory Inquiry.

A comparison of internal investigations for the last four years reveals the following:

<u>CALENDAR YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>INTERNAL AFFAIRS</u>	<u>SUPERVISOR INQUIRIES</u>	<u>INTERNAL COMPLAINANT</u>	<u>CITIZEN COMPLAINANT</u>
2020	4	3	1	3	1
2021	5	1	4	2	3
2022	3	0	3	0	3
2023	4	3	1	2	2

A review of data revealed a slight increase in the total number of complaints filed on members of this agency from 2022 to 2023 but the numbers stayed within historical parameters.

The following table lists the categories of accusations that were included in the four complaints received and the conclusion of fact. (See definitions) It should be noted that some complaints contained multiple accusations.

Nature	Total	Not-Sustained	Sustained	Exonerated	Unfounded	Not Involved
Corruption	1				1	
Unprofessional Conduct	3	1	1		1	
Obedience to Laws	1		1			
Total	5					

*Definitions applicable to the above listed categories:*

Not Involved- *The employee was not present at the time the alleged misconduct occurred.*

Unfounded – *The investigation indicates that the alleged act(s) or omission(s) complained of did not occur or did not involve police personnel.*

Not Sustained – *The investigation indicates there was insufficient evidence either to prove or disprove the allegation(s).*

Exonerated – *The investigation indicates that the act(s) or omission(s) did occur, but were justified, lawful and proper.*

Sustained – *The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation(s) clearly.*