

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
Police Department

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Jason Sugg
FROM: Lt. J. Richard Taylor
DATE: February 24, 2025
RE: 2024 Annual Statistical Summary of Complaint and Internal Affairs Investigations

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 people 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/.

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 2024. During calendar year 2024, we initiated two (2) Internal Investigations involving two (2) members of the ECU Police Department. These complaints were enacted internally and involved sworn police officers. Both complaints were investigated as Internal Affairs Complaints.

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>
2021	5	1	4	2	3
2022	3	0	3	0	3
2023	4	3	1	2	2
2024	2	2	0	2	0

A review of data revealed a decrease in the total number of complaints filed on members of this agency from 2023 to 2024. The numbers dropped below historical parameters for this four-year comparison.

The following table lists the categories of accusations that were included in the two complaints received and the conclusion of fact. (See definitions)

Nature	Total	Not-Sustained	Sustained	Exonerated	Unfounded	Not Involved
Leaving Assigned Post	2		2			
Total	2					

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.
