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INTRODUCTION

This report describes a portion of the Office of Inspector General’s monitoring, auditing, and reviewing activities related to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) that occurred from April 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020.¹

The Office of Inspector General continues to work to increase the amount of data provided in each *Quarterly Report*. By providing quarterly updates, the Office of Inspector General’s goal is to keep the public, the Board of Supervisors, and the Civilian Oversight Commission aware of recent trends and changes in LASD policies, procedures, and practices.

MONITORING LASD OPERATIONS

Service Comment Reports

In accordance with LASD policies, the Department accepts and reviews all comments from members of the public about Departmental service or employee performance.² LASD categorizes these comments into three categories:

- External Commendation: an external communication of appreciation for and/or approval of service provided by LASD members;
- Service Complaint: an external communication of dissatisfaction with LASD service, procedure or practice, not involving employee misconduct; and
- Personnel Complaint: an external allegation of misconduct, either a violation of law or LASD policy, against any member of LASD.³

INVESTIGATING BUREAU/STATION/FACILITY	COMMENDATIONS	PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS	SERVICE COMPLAINTS
ACB : ACCESS TO CARE BUREAU	1	0	0
ADM : CENTRAL PATROL ADM HQ	1	0	0
ADM : COURT SERVICES DIV HQ	2	1	0

¹ The report will note if the data reflects something other than what was gathered between April 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020.

² See Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, *Manual of Policies and Procedures*, 3-04/10.00, “Department Service Reviews.”

³ It is possible for an employee to get a Personnel Complaint and for there to be a Personnel Complaint arising out of the same incident.

INVESTIGATING BUREAU/STATION/FACILITY	COMMENDATIONS	PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS	SERVICE COMPLAINTS
ADM : NORTH PATROL ADM HQ	3	0	0
AER : AERO BUREAU	0	1	1
ALD : ALTADENA STN	4	3	0
AVA : AVALON STN	0	1	0
CCS : COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUREAU	4	0	0
CCS : CUSTODY COMPL & SUSTAIN BUREAU	0	1	0
CEN : CENTURY STN	5	20	2
CER : CERRITOS STN	20	1	2
CMB : CIVIL MANAGEMENT BUREAU	4	2	0
CNT : COURT SERVICES CENTRAL	1	2	0
COM : COMPTON STN	1	13	8
CPB : COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BUREAU	1	2	0
CRD : CENTURY REG DETEN FAC	1	0	0
CRV : CRESCENTA VALLEY STN	12	4	2
CSB : COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU	4	1	1
CSN : CARSON STN	8	10	1
CST : COURT SERVICES TRANSPORTATION	0	1	0
CTB : CUST TRNG BUREAU	1	0	0
ELA : EAST LA STN	6	4	1
EOB : EMERGENCY OPER BUREAU	1	1	0
EST : COURT SERVICES EAST	0	1	0
FCC : FRAUD & CYBER CRIMES BUREAU	3	0	0
HOM : HOMICIDE BUREAU	0	0	1
IAB : INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU	0	2	0
IND : INDUSTRY STN	5	13	2
IRC : INMATE RECEPTION CENTER	1	0	0
LCS : LANCASTER STN	17	27	4
LKD : LAKEWOOD STN	5	12	3
LMT : LOMITA STN	12	8	1
MAR : MARINA DEL REY STN	6	6	1
MCJ : MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL	1	0	0
MLH : MALIBU/LOST HILLS STN	9	11	9
MTL : METROLINK	0	1	0
NAR : NARCOTICS BUREAU	1	0	1

INVESTIGATING BUREAU/STATION/FACILITY	COMMENDATIONS	PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS	SERVICE COMPLAINTS
NWK : NORWALK REGIONAL STN	13	5	3
OSS : OPERATION SAFE STREETS BUREAU	0	2	0
PER : PERSONNEL ADMIN	3	0	0
PKB : PARKS BUREAU	3	0	0
PLM : PALMDALE STN	16	18	2
PRV : PICO RIVERA STN	7	6	1
SCV : SANTA CLARITA VALLEY STN	18	16	5
SDM : SAN DIMAS STN	14	5	3
SEB : SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUR	1	0	0
SHR : OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF	1	0	4
SIB : SHERIFF INFORMATION BUREAU	0	2	3
SLA : SOUTH LOS ANGELES STATION	4	13	3
SO : PITCHESS SOUTH FACILITY	0	2	0
SVB : SPECIAL VICTIMS BUREAU	0	1	1
TB : TRAINING BUREAU	0	0	1
TEM : TEMPLE CITY STN	13	14	2
TRP : TRAP	1	0	0
TSB : TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU	0	3	0
TT : TWIN TOWERS	3	1	0
WAL : WALNUT/SAN DIMAS STN	7	6	2
WHD : WEST HOLLYWOOD STN	7	9	4
WST : COURT SERVICES WEST	2	1	1
Total :	253	253	75

Comments and Complaints Received by the Office of Inspector General

The Office of Inspector General received fifty-four new complaints in the second quarter of 2020 from members of the public, prisoners, prisoners' family members and friends, community organizations, and County agencies. Each complaint was reviewed by an Office of Inspector General staff. Thirty-two of these complaints were related to conditions of confinement within the Department's custody facilities, as shown below:

Complaint/ Incident Classification	Totals
Personnel Issue	2
Mental	3
Medical	5
Classification	2
Food	3
Living Condition	8
Showers	1
COVID Issues	8
Total	32

Twenty-two complaints were related to civilian contacts by Department personnel with persons who were not in custody.

Complaint/ Incident Classification	Totals
Personnel Commendation	1
Criminal Conduct	1
Force	2
Improper Search, Detention, Arrest	2
Improper Tactics	1
Operation of Vehicles	1
Policy Procedures	3
Response Time	2
Other	9
Total	22

Taser Use in Custody

The Office of Inspector General has compiled the number of times LASD has deployed a Taser in custodial settings from January 2018, through June 2020. The numbers below were gathered from the LASD's *Monthly Force Synopsis*, which LASD produces and provides to the Office of Inspector General each month.⁴

Month	Number of Taser Deployments
January 2018	5
February 2018	2
March 2018	7

⁴ The OIG is not opining on whether the use of the Taser in each of these incidents was within LASD's policies and/or if the Taser was deployed lawfully.

Month	Number of Taser Deployments
April 2018	7
May 2018	0
June 2018	4
July 2018	6
August 2018	7
September 2018	3
October 2018	5
November 2018	3
December 2018	1
January 2019	9
February 2019	9
March 2019	5
April 2019	4
May 2019	1
June 2019	2
July 2019	6
August 2019	9
September 2019	6
October 2019	3
November 2019	6
December 2019	5
January 2020	5
February 2020	3
March 2020	3
April 2020	4
May 2020	3
June 2020	5

Use-of-Force Incidents in Custody Division

The Office of Inspector General monitors LASD’s staff-on-prisoner use of force incidents, prisoner-on-prisoner violence, and assaults by prisoners on LASD personnel. LASD is still verifying the accuracy of the information for incidents which occurred on or after January 1, 2020.

LASD Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems

LASD reports that it deployed the Unmanned Aircraft one time between April 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020. On April 28,2020, the aircraft was deployed to assist the Antelope Valley Narcotics team, which was serving a search warrant on a high risk location in Lancaster. The location was a large commercial building, and the intel suggested that there were several assault weapons at that location. The Narcotics

team was able to successfully serve the warrant, detain persons of interest, and the investigation is still ongoing.

DATA REVIEW

Deputy-Involved Shootings

LASD categorizes deputy-involved shootings by the tactical circumstances of the shooting, not the outcome. The definitions of each of these categories can be found in the Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP), section 3-10/300.00. LASD defines “hit shooting” as one in which a deputy fired his/her weapon intentionally and hit one or more people. A “non-hit shooting” is defined as an event in which a deputy fired a deputy’s weapon intentionally but did not hit anyone. If a person was unintentionally struck by gunfire, the shooting is categorized by LASD as an accidental shooting (for example, if a shot was intentionally fired at an animal and struck a bystander, the shooting would be categorized by LASD as accidental).

The Office of Inspector General reports on all deputy-involved shootings in which a deputy intentionally fired a firearm at a human being or intentionally or unintentionally fired a firearm and a human being was injured or killed as a result.

From April 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020 there have been eleven incidents in which people were shot or shot at by LASD personnel. Office of Inspector General staff responded to each of these deputy-involved shootings. Twelve people were struck by deputies’ gunfire, eight of them fatally.

The Department has added summaries of deputy-involved-shootings at <https://lasd.org/transparency/deputyinvolvedshootingcurrent/>. This new website is user-friendly and appears to provide some narrative description on some of the shootings. The Department continues to post detailed statistical information about deputy involved shootings on its website at:

<https://lasd.org/transparency/deputyinvolvedshootingsstats/>.

The following are summaries of information provided by LASD on the shootings that occurred during this quarter:

Van Nuys Court: LASD reported that on April 3, 2020, at approximately 11:50 a.m., two court deputies were working as part of the security team conducting checks on individuals entering the Van Nuys Courthouse. A male Hispanic entered the Courthouse and removed a claw hammer from his backpack. The male charged at the deputies and threw the hammer in the direction of one of

the deputies. One of the deputies fired one round at the suspect, hitting him once in the thigh. The suspect raised his fists and continued to resist arrest. Additional deputies arriving on scene used a Taser to get the suspect to comply. The suspect was taken to a hospital and treated for the gunshot to his thigh. The claw hammer was recovered at the scene by investigators. The incident was captured on video.

Lancaster: LASD reported that on April 19, 2020, at approximately 4:19 p.m., deputies responded to a call to assist the Fire Department. When deputies arrived, they spoke to a security guard. The guard told deputies he had been trying to stop a white male suspect from vandalizing a business. The suspect told the guard he had a gun and simulated holding a gun in his jacket. The suspect fled, and the guard gave chase. During the chase, the guard hurt himself attempting to climb a fence, at which point he stopped the chase and called for help. The deputies conducted a search of the surrounding area for the suspect and found him in front of a liquor store. The deputies attempted to detain him at gun point, but the suspect fled to the doorway of a nearby donut store. The suspect simulated the action of having a gun in his jacket pocket and told the deputies, "I'm gonna fucking shoot you." The suspect then ran with the deputies giving chase on foot. The deputies gave several commands for the suspect to stop, remove his hands from his pockets, and surrender. As the suspect rounded a corner, he made a sudden movement with his hand causing the deputies to fear that he was retrieving a gun. Two deputies shot the suspect with their firearms and a third deputy shot the suspect with a stunbag shotgun.

Deputies, and subsequently paramedics, rendered medical aid at the scene. The suspect was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Family Assistance Program representatives from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) assisted the Homicide Bureau with the notification to the next of kin and county services were offered to the family of the suspect. No gun was recovered from the suspect.

Operations Safe Streets: LASD reported that on May 26, 2020, at approximately 5:15 p.m., deputies from the Operations Safe Streets Bureau of LASD attempted to arrest a murder suspect at a residence in Los Angeles. The male Hispanic suspect exited the home with a firearm. He ran to the back of the home and fled to the street behind the home. Deputies surrounded him and ordered the male suspect to drop his firearm. The male called his mother and told her goodbye before pointing his firearm at the deputies. Four deputies shot at the suspect.

The suspect sustained several gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene. Family Assistance Program representatives from DMH assisted the Homicide

Bureau with the notification to the next of kin and county services were offered to the family of the suspect. A firearm was recovered from the suspect.

Lancaster: LASD reported that on May 29, 2020, at approximately 7:49 p.m., two deputies were patrolling the streets of Lancaster, when they came across a white male. From prior contacts, the deputies knew the male was on parole and probation. The deputies had also been recently tipped off that the male may be armed with a firearm. As the deputies pulled up alongside the suspect, the suspect made several motions that caused the deputies to fear he may be trying to retrieve a firearm. One of the deputies exited the passenger door and wrapped his arms around the suspect's chest to control his arms. His partner deputy exited the driver's door and saw the suspect was holding a gun in his right hand and yelled, "Gun!" Both deputies attempted to hold the suspect. The suspect continued to struggle in an attempt to break free.

The deputies began to lose their balance as they were being forced backward during the struggle. One of the deputies pushed the suspect away to create distance and to retrieve his own firearm. As he did so, the suspect began to turn in the deputies' direction with the firearm still in hand. Both deputies fired at the suspect, striking him in the upper torso several times.

The deputies rendered medical aid at the scene. The suspect was transported at the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Family Assistance Program representatives from DMH assisted the Homicide Bureau with the notification to the next of kin and county services were offered to the family of the suspect. A replica semi-automatic pellet gun was recovered from the scene but placed in the patrol vehicle because a crowd had gathered.

Century: LASD reported that on May 30, 2020, at approximately 3:05 a.m., several deputies responded to calls for assistance from Bell Police Department officers. Bell Police Department officers had initiated a pursuit of a male Hispanic suspect, who was the sole occupant of a Chevy Tahoe. The Bell Police officers believed the suspect was driving recklessly while intoxicated. The pursuit began in the city of Bell and entered LASD's Century Station area at approximately 2:46 a.m. Century Station deputies, while not authorized to join the pursuit, were authorized to deploy spike strips.

During the pursuit, South Gate Police Department officers successfully deployed spike strips. The suspect continued west before his car came to a stop. Deputies quickly converged to the location to assist Bell Police Department officers with their felony traffic stop.

As the deputies were positioned behind the suspect's car, the suspect leaned out the open driver's side window and pointed a handgun in their direction. In response, four deputies and two Bell Police Department officers fired their weapons at the suspect. The suspect remained alert and uncooperative inside his vehicle.

Shortly following the shooting, a sergeant arrived on scene and ordered a deputy to fire four stun bag rounds into the vehicle. The less-lethal option was successful, and the suspect exited the car with his hands up. The suspect was hesitant to follow the deputies' orders and began to move back toward the open driver's door. It was at this point, a Bell Garden's officer released his K-9. The K-9 immediately went towards the suspect, at which point the suspect wrapped his arms around the K-9's neck. Deputies formed an arrest team and approached the suspect with a shield and rescued the K-9.

The suspect continued to resist and refused to place his hands behind his back. Deputies punched the suspect and drive stunned him twice with a Taser to get the suspect to comply. The suspect was finally able to be handcuffed.

The suspect sustained three gunshot wounds; one to the head, one to the left leg, and one to the left arm. He was transported to the hospital and treated. Deputies recovered a ghost gun with no magazine from the suspect's car.

Industry: LASD reported that on June 7, 2020, at approximately 2:23 a.m., two deputies responded to a location regarding a call of a person possibly hit by a freight train. Upon their arrival, deputies began searching the tracks for an injured victim. While walking along the tracks, the deputies saw a white male kneeling next to the train. As they approached, the male raised a knife over his head and charged at the deputies. Both deputies shot at the suspect. An open folding hunting knife was recovered from the scene.

The suspect sustained multiple gunshot wounds to the upper torso. He was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Family Assistance Program representatives from DMH were notified. The suspect's next of kin was notified.

Lancaster: LASD reported that on June 11, 2020, at approximately 5:22 a.m., Lancaster Station deputies responded to a location regarding a domestic violence in progress call. Fighting and screaming could be heard during a 911 call.

Deputies arrived on scene and entered the location. They immediately came into contact with a male black suspect and attempted to detain him regarding a domestic violence investigation. The suspect refused to comply with the deputies'

orders and an altercation ensued, during which the suspect reached down and grabbed a deputies' firearm, which was secured in a holster. The suspect was able to remove the strap that secured the firearm and started to remove the firearm from the holster. Fearing the suspect would gain control of the deputy's firearm, a fellow deputy fired one round from his service weapon at the suspect. The suspect was struck once in the upper torso.

Deputies rendered medical aid to the suspect and he was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Family Assistance Program representatives from DMH assisted the Homicide Bureau with the notification to the next of kin and county services were offered to the family of the suspect.

Palmdale: LASD reported that on June 12, 2020, at approximately 9:18 p.m., California Highway Patrol (CHP) Central Dispatch had been alerted to a location of a Dodge Charger taken in an armed carjacking from the city of South Gate earlier in the day. A lone CHP motor sergeant located the stolen car and began following it. At the request of a Sheriff's Aero Unit and the CHP, Palmdale Station deputies arrived to assist. The driver attempted to flee and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit continued for approximately 20 miles. The suspects exited the freeway and continued east until crashing into a vehicle stopped at an intersection.

Three armed male Hispanic suspects exited the vehicle and began running east. One of the male suspects, who was armed with a semi-automatic shotgun, tripped and was taken into custody almost immediately.

The other two suspects, both armed with handguns, shot at the deputies. One of the male suspects fired multiple rounds from a Glock .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun. Two deputies and a CHP officer shot at the males, striking one of the suspects several times. The other suspect was not struck by gunfire and was taken into custody with no further incident.

At the scene, detectives recovered an H&K .12-gauge semi-automatic shotgun loaded with six live rounds, a Norinco Arms .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun loaded with six live rounds, and an empty Glock .45 caliber handgun that the deceased had used, and expended shell casings.

The male suspect, who was shot, was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. Family Assistance Program representatives from DMH assisted the Homicide Bureau with the notification to the next of kin and county services were offered to the family of the suspect.

Major Crimes Bureau: LASD reported that on June 17, 2020, at approximately 4:33 p.m., Major Crimes Bureau detectives were conducting a surveillance for a male Black suspect, who was wanted in connection to a domestic violence, assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment, and terrorist threats case that occurred in the Palmdale Station jurisdiction. The District Attorney's office had filed 12 felony counts and an arrest warrant had been issued for the suspect.

The investigation led detectives to the 3400 block of 15th Street West in the city of Rosamond. Detectives observed a male who matched the wanted suspect's description, seated in the front passenger seat of a blue vehicle.

Detectives conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle to identify the occupant and if confirmed, arrest the suspect. The car was being driven by an adult female, who was unrelated to the crime being investigated. The car came to a stop inside a parking lot of an apartment complex on 15th Street West. The male suspect opened the front passenger door of the vehicle and fired several shots at the deputies with a black, semi-automatic handgun. One of the bullets hit a deputy's car. Four deputies returned fire, striking the suspect numerous times in the upper torso. The female driver was also hit by gunfire. At the scene, detectives recovered a black semi-automatic handgun and several expended shell casings.

The male suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. The female driver was transported to the hospital where she was treated and released. There was a seven-year-old female (daughter of the driver), seated in the rear of the vehicle who was not injured.

Homicide investigators learned that the male suspect was the half-brother of Robert Fuller, who had been discovered hanging from a tree in Palmdale on June 10, 2020.

Compton: LASD reported that on June 18, 2020, at approximately 5:52 p.m., two deputies were patrolling the city when they observed a male Hispanic standing outside of a car in front of an auto body shop. The male looked in the direction of the approaching deputies, produced a firearm, and began running. The two deputies exited their patrol vehicle and gave chase. Shortly after, the deputies contacted the suspect and attempted to detain him. One of the deputies fired at the suspect, killing him. LASD has released no details as to what prompted the deputy-involved shooting.

A loaded semi-automatic handgun was recovered from the scene.

The male suspect sustained multiple gunshot wounds to his upper torso and was pronounced dead at the scene. Family Assistance Program representatives from DMH assisted the Homicide Bureau with the notification to the next of kin and county services were offered to the family of the suspect.

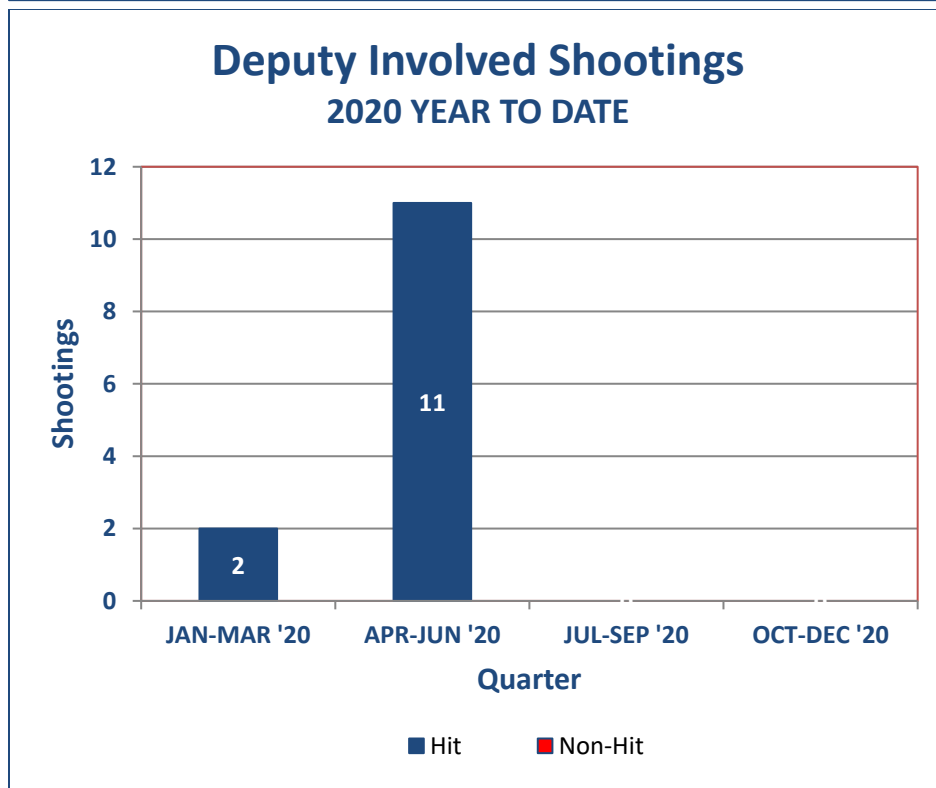
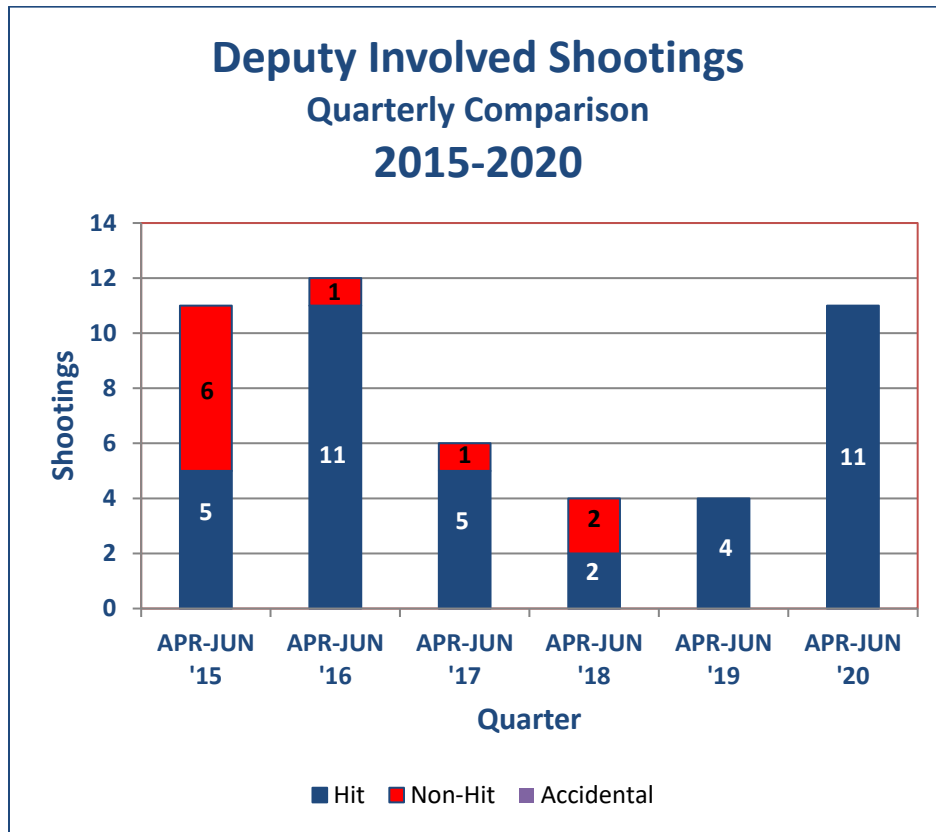
This shooting has been the impetus for a series of protests including a protest on Father's Day at the Compton Sheriff's Station.

Transit Bureau: LASD reported that on June 28, 2020, at approximately 10:49 p.m., deputies observed a vehicle driving erratically and attempted to conduct a traffic stop regarding a driving under the influence investigation. When the vehicle failed to stop, the deputies initiated a pursuit. Following a short pursuit, the vehicle traveled on a residential street which led to a dead end. As the male Black driver slowed his car, the deputies exited their vehicle in an attempt to conduct a felony stop. The driver made a u-turn and accelerated toward the deputies, striking their vehicle, and deputies shot at the driver. The suspect vehicle proceeded a short distance at a high rate of speed and collided with a parked vehicle, coming to rest at the impact site. The deputies arrested the male Black driver at the location without incident.

The driver had sustained two gunshot wounds to the right arm, along with lacerations to the right ear, left thumb, and top of his head. He was transported to the hospital, where he was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. [See note below⁵].

⁵ A previous version of this report erroneously reported that a loaded semi-automatic handgun was recovered from the scene. There was no weapon recovered.

Comparison to Prior Years



Homicide Bureau's Investigation of Deputy-Involved Shootings

The Homicide Bureau is responsible for conducting the investigation of all deputy-involved shootings, regardless of category, in which a person is injured or killed. After completing its investigation, the Homicide Bureau submits its investigation to the Los Angeles District Attorney (LADA) for consideration of filing criminal charges.

If LADA declines to file the case, LASD's Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) completes a force review to determine whether Department personnel violated any Departmental policies during the incident.

For the present quarter, the Homicide Bureau reports 31 shooting cases involving LASD personnel are currently open and under investigation. The open deputy-involved shooting investigation is a fatal shooting which took place on June 6, 2019. This shooting is described briefly in the Office of Inspector General's Reform and Oversight Efforts: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department report, page 12.

This quarter, LASD reports it has sent three cases involving a deputy-involved shooting to the LADA for filing consideration.

District Attorney Review of Deputy-Involved Shootings

LASD's Homicide Bureau investigates all deputy-involved shootings in which a person is injured, regardless of shooting category. The Homicide Bureau submits the completed investigation of each deputy-involved shooting in which a person has been injured and which occurred in the County of Los Angeles to LADA for review and possible filing of criminal charges.

Between April 1, 2010, through June 30, 2020, the LADA issued the following findings in five deputy-involved-shooting cases involving LASD employees.

- In the March 31, 2019, non-fatal shooting of Jose G. and Johnny B., the District Attorney opined in a memorandum dated [April 15, 2020](#), that the deputies acted lawfully in self-defense and in defense of others.
- In the December 10, 2017, fatal shooting of Frank Lopez, the District Attorney opined in a memorandum dated [May 6, 2020](#) that the deputy acted lawfully in self-defense and in defense of others.
- In the June 27, 2019, fatal shooting of Paul Rea, the District Attorney opined in a memorandum dated [May 12, 2020](#) that the deputy acted lawfully in self-defense.

- In the September 10, 2015, fatal shooting of Eddie Tapia, the District Attorney opined in a memorandum dated [May 14, 2020](#) that the deputies acted lawfully in self-defense and defense of others.
- In the November 25, 2019, non-fatal shooting of Robert Evangelista, the District Attorney opined in a memorandum dated [May 28, 2020](#) that one of the deputies acted lawfully in self-defense and the other deputy acted lawfully in defense of others.

The District Attorney's letter of determination for each of the above cases may be found at the District Attorney's website: <http://da.lacounty.gov/reports/ois>.

The Department reports that the oldest deputy-involved shooting case for which the District Attorney has yet to issue a determination letter is the July 28, 2016 fatal shooting of Donnell Thompson, Jr. in Compton.

Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau

In our previous Reform and Oversight Efforts report, the Department reported to the Office of Inspector General that the supervision of the Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau (ICIB) had been returned to the Professional Standards Division. However, according to LASD's MPP, the ICIB reports directly to the Sheriff and Undersheriff.⁶

The ICIB is responsible for investigating most allegations of criminal misconduct by LASD members which occur within the policing jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Department.

As of June 30, 2020, LASD reports ICIB has 75 active cases. LASD reports sending three cases this quarter to LADA for filing considerations. The oldest open case ICIB has on its books is from 2015.

Internal Affairs Bureau

The IAB is responsible for conducting administrative investigations of policy violations by LASD members. It is also responsible for responding to and investigating deputy-involved shootings and significant use-of-force cases. Administrative investigations are also conducted at the unit level. The subject's unit

⁶ See the Department's Manual of Policies and Procedures, public version, printed June 9, 2020, sections 2-02/020.00 The Undersheriff, 2-04/010.16 Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau, and 2-04/060.00 Internal Investigations Bureau.

of command and IAB command determine whether an investigation is investigated by IAB or remains a unit-level investigation.

As of June 30, 2020, LASD reports opening 101 new cases. Of these 23 were administrative assigned to IAB, 60 were designated as unit-level investigations, and 18 were to monitor criminal cases, LASD reports that 84 cases were closed by IAB or at the unit level. There are 328 pending administrative investigations. Of those, 209 are assigned to IAB and the remaining 119 are pending unit-level investigations.

Civil Service Commission Dispositions

From April 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, the Civil Service Commission issued one final decision involving an LASD personnel. The Civil Service Commission overruled LASD's decision to discharge the employee, and restored the employee to his job with a suspension instead.

CUSTODY DIVISION

Handling of Prisoner Grievances

LASD is still in the process of installing iPads in all jail facilities to capture information related to prisoner requests and, eventually, prisoner grievances. There are now a total of 180 installed iPads, a decrease of seven iPads since the last quarter. There are 48 iPads at Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF), 48 iPads at Men's Central Jail (MCJ), and 84 iPads at Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF). As previously reported, LASD reports that Wi-Fi connection issues at MCJ required LASD to take the iPads off-line until the Wi-Fi upgrades are completed. LASD reports that they are experiencing issues updating the iPads throughout the system and connectivity issues at CRDF. Due to the ongoing issues with the iPads, LASD is now considering moving to Windows based tablets in order to rectify compatibility issues and ease other connectivity concerns. LASD reports that prisoners have accessed the iPads to obtain information on 547,009 occasions between April 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020.

As reported in the Office of Inspector General's January 2018 *Reform and Oversight Efforts: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department* report, LASD implemented a policy restricting the filing of duplicate and excessive prisoner grievances.⁷ LASD

⁷ See Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, *Custody Division Manual*, 8-04/050.00, Duplicate or Excessive Filings of Grievances and Appeals, and Restrictions of Filing Privileges.

reports that between April 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020, 15 prisoners were restricted from filing 88 grievances under this policy.

In-Custody Deaths

Between April 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020, five individuals died while under the care and custody of LASD. Of these five decedents, three died at TTCF, and two died in the hospitals to which the decedents had been transported.

Office of Inspector General staff attended the Custody Services Division Administrative Death Reviews for each of the five in-custody deaths.

The following summaries, arranged in chronological order, provide brief descriptions of each in-custody death:

On April 1, 2020, an individual at TTCF was reportedly discovered unresponsive during medication distribution. Emergency aid was rendered, paramedics were called, but the individual was pronounced dead at the scene.

On April 20, 2020, an individual at TTCF was reportedly discovered unresponsive during a Title-15 safety check. Emergency aid was rendered, paramedics were called, but the individual was pronounced dead at the scene.

On May 13, 2020, an individual at TTCF was reportedly discovered unresponsive during a Title-15 safety check. Emergency aid was rendered, paramedics were called, but the individual was pronounced dead at the scene.

On May 31, 2020, an individual died at Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center (LCMC) after being transported from MCJ on May 15, 2020, for a higher level of care.

On June 28, 2020, an individual died at LCMC after being transported from TTCF on May 28, 2020, for a higher level of care.

Office of Inspector General Site Visits

The Office of Inspector General normally conducts site visits and inspections at LASD's custodial facilities to identify matters requiring attention. Since the Los Angeles County Safer at Home Order issued on March 19, 2020, the Office of Inspector General has had limited site visits. In the second quarter of 2020, Office of Inspector General personnel completed eight site visits inside LASD's Pitchess

Detention Center (PDC) – North Facility, North County Correctional Facility, MCJ, TTFC, and CRDF. During site visits, the Inspector General and his staff spoke with COVID-19 patients and prisoners under quarantine and isolation, inspected the Correctional Treatment Center and other COVID-19 designated housing units, and met with custody and medical staff to assess the quality of care and provision of cleaning and other supplies. Office of Inspector General staff have been closely monitoring LASD’s and Correctional Health Services’ (CHS) response to the COVID-19 pandemic and following up on concerns raised by the public. As part of the Office of Inspector General’s jail monitoring, Office of Inspector General staff attended 40 Custody Services Division executive and administrative meetings and met with division executives for 40 monitoring hours related to COVID-19 as well general conditions.

This quarter, the Office of Inspector General began participating in weekly meetings of a county-wide working group responsible for implementing and overseeing technology and infrastructure related to the Justice Video Conference System (JVCS) in LASD’s jails and lockups. The JVCS is utilized by various County justice partners to hold confidential and private video-conference meetings with persons in custody. The Office of Inspector General is currently exploring whether this system can facilitate meetings between Office of Inspector General jail monitors and persons in custody in consideration of the current COVID-19 pandemic, and other factors that could limit the Office of Inspector General’s free access to facilities in the future. The Office of Inspector General will report back on progress in the next quarterly report

LASD’S COOPERATION WITH ICE

On April 23, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States District Court ordered the Adelanto Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Processing Center (Adelanto) to stop accepting any new detainees and to take specific steps to reduce Adelanto’s detainee population by May 4, 2020.⁸

The next day, on April 24, 2020, LASD ordered its personnel to temporarily stop transferring inmates to ICE. While the transfer of inmates to ICE was halted, LASD continued processing detainees by serving inmates with a copy and forwarding the detainees to the public defender and alternative public defenders’ offices. The LASD has reported the Department will re-evaluate the moratorium on May 31, 2020.

A total of three inmates were transferred to ICE in April 2020 before the moratorium was imposed. All three inmates were “qualified” for transfer for a

⁸ Kelvin Hernandez Roman, *et al. etc.*, v. Chad Wolf, *et. al.*, EDC 20-00768 TJH (PVC).

serious or violent felony conviction as defined under Penal Code sections 667.5 and 1192.7.

On June 2, 2020, LASD informed the Office of Inspector General that the Department was extending the moratorium an additional 30 days. The moratorium has since been made permanent.

CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE UPDATES

CCJV Recommendation 3.12: The Department should purchase additional body scanners

LASD continues to operate body scanners at MCJ, CRDF, PDC North, PDC South, NCCF, and Inmate Reception Center (IRC).

According to LASD records, from April 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, 514 prisoners refused to go through the body scanners across all applicable facilities. As previously reported, LASD reported that it no longer records the reasons for such refusals because the data did not contribute significant feedback towards the goal of reducing strip searches since the primary reason for refusals is jail politics.

CCJV Recommendation 7.15: The use of lapel cameras as an investigative tool should be broadened

As previously reported, LASD opted for an alternative implementation of this recommendation and embarked on a five-year program to install fixed cameras in the jail facilities. All identified cameras are now installed at PDC South and the facility reports that it is in the process of having the vocational shop's cameras connected to the LASD network. LASD reports that at this time, it is unable to provide an accurate date of completion. Efforts to implement body-worn cameras in patrol are ongoing.