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OLEO Director Jacobs: “Data still identifies shortcomings that need correction”

In response to the Sheriff’s Office recent press release, OLEO Director Deborah Jacobs released the following statement:

“Although the Sheriff’s Office has begun moving the location of its Internal Investigations Unit, the shortcomings identified in the OLEO report relate to whether procedures and practices are being followed for documenting, investigating, and responding to use of force complaints.

“Despite the 2015-2016 data used in the report, OLEO staff currently observes deficiencies in the processing of use of force complaints. For example, the Sheriff’s Office’s Internal Investigation Unit still largely relies upon written statements rather than conduct in-person interviews of deputies.

“If implemented, the procedural recommendations made in this report will ensure that the quality of work will be consistent and lasting.

“We hope that the Sheriff and her leadership team will see the merit in our review and recommendations, and take advantage of this expertise in assessing those systems and practices that most impact police and community relations. We welcome the opportunity to work through these recommendations with the Sheriff’s Office.”

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