

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT



ANNUAL
RACIAL PROFILING REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR 2014

E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL



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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

The men and women of the law enforcement community have my profound gratitude and respect. I appreciate their professionalism and commitment to principles like honor, duty, service, sacrifice and integrity.

The Office of Civil Rights Enforcement ("OCRE") in the Attorney General's Office is dedicated to the enforcement of Oklahoma's anti-discrimination laws. As required by Oklahoma statute, the OCRE has compiled a report detailing citizen complaints of racial profiling.

As Attorney General of Oklahoma, my chief duty is to enforce the rule of law and protect the citizens of Oklahoma. My office will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to keep our communities safe while ensuring the rights of Oklahomans are respected and preserved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Scott Pruitt". The signature is stylized and written in cursive.

E. Scott Pruitt
Attorney General of Oklahoma



OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT

This report is submitted pursuant to Oklahoma's Racial Profiling Law, Okla. Stat. tit. 22, § 34.3 et seq., which took effect on May 7, 2013. The Racial Profiling Law ("Law") requires every municipal, county, and state law enforcement agency to adopt a detailed written policy that clearly defines the elements constituting racial profiling and that prohibits racial profiling based solely on an individual's race or ethnicity. The agency must make the policy available for public inspection during the agency's normal business hours. *Id.* § 34.3(E). The Law prohibits municipal, county, and state law enforcement officers from engaging in racial profiling.

WHAT CONSTITUTES UNLAWFUL RACIAL PROFILING

"Racial profiling" includes interdicting, stopping, arresting, detaining, determining the existence of probable cause in order to take into custody, or engaging in any other form of disparate treatment against an individual based solely on the individual's race or ethnicity. *Id.* § 34.3.

RIGHT TO FILE A RACIAL PROFILING COMPLAINT

Any person who believes they were subjected to racial profiling may file a complaint with the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office of Civil Rights Enforcement ("OCRE") and may also file a complaint with the district attorney in the county where the racial profiling occurred. *Id.* § 34.4.

COMPLAINT FORM

The official form to be used for filing a racial profiling complaint is the *Office of Civil Rights Enforcement Racial Profiling Complaint Questionnaire*. (See attachment #1). The Questionnaire is available at the Oklahoma City and Tulsa offices of the OCRE and is also available online at the Attorney General's website: www.ok.gov/oag

WHERE TO FILE A COMPLAINT

An individual or his or her representative may file the fully completed, signed, and dated Questionnaire with the OCRE in person or by mail. The OCRE's offices are located at:

TULSA OFFICE:
15 W. 6th Street, Suite 1000
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:
313 N.E. 21st Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

INVESTIGATION OF THE COMPLAINT

Upon receipt of a racial profiling complaint, the OCRE must forward a copy to the arresting officer's employer. The employer must investigate the complaint for purposes of disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution. *Id.* § 34.4. If the investigation reveals the officer was in direct violation of the agency's written policy regarding racial profiling, the agency must take appropriate action consistent with applicable laws, rules, ordinances or policy. *Id.* § 34.3(F).

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT
RACIAL PROFILING COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2014

The Office of Civil Rights Enforcement (“OCRE”) received eight racial profiling complaints in the 2014 calendar year. As required by law, the OCRE forwarded each complaint to the appropriate law enforcement agency for its own investigation and responsive action as may be warranted by the results of its investigation.

All eight complaints were based on race. None were based on ethnicity. Summary information regarding the complaints is itemized below:

NO.	AGENCY	COMPLAINANT	DISPOSITION
1.	Del City Police Dep’t	Bell, Roy and Carolyn	No Cause
2.	Del City Police Dep’t	Bell, Roy	No Cause
3.	Logan County Sheriff’s Office	Ranson, Eugene	Pending
4.	NCIS/AFOSI - Tinker Air Force Base	Johnson, Brooke	No Cause
5.	Oklahoma City Police Dep’t	Venegas, Dicarlo	No Cause
6.	Oklahoma Highway Patrol	Thompson, Leo	Pending
7.	Payne County Jail	Richmond, Jr., Grady	No Cause
8.	Wagoner County Sheriff’s Office	Harden, Robert	No cause

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT
MISSION STATEMENT

The Office of Civil Rights Enforcement is dedicated to enforcing Oklahoma’s anti-discrimination laws and to educating Oklahomans regarding their rights and responsibilities under civil rights laws.



Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General
Office of Civil Rights Enforcement
RACIAL PROFILING COMPLAINT QUESTIONNAIRE

Office Use Only

Date of Initial Inquiry _____ Inquiry# (OAG use only) _____

Type of Inquiry: Walk In Telephone Mail In

Date Information Mailed _____ By _____ Date Returned _____

Information Completed Yes No

Please Print

Name _____	Address _____	Telephone _____
City _____	State _____ County _____	Zip Code _____ Birth Date _____
Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Race, Ethnicity Or National Origin _____

Law Enforcement Agency _____	Name of Officer _____
Badge # _____	Race _____ Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Address _____	Telephone _____
City _____	State _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Incident: _____ Location of Incident: _____

Summons Number(s) _____

Alleged Violation(s) (Reason for the stop or detention) _____

Copy of Ticket (If applicable) or any supporting documentation

Witness information (if applicable)

- | | Name | Address
Telephone |
|----|-------|----------------------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ |

Please state the reason(s) you believe that this police action was taken due to racial

profiling: _____

Direct all questions to the Office of Civil Rights Enforcement at (918) 581-2885.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: **Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General**
Office of Civil Right Enforcement
15 W. 6th Street, Suite 1000
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119