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### **THE INDEPENDENT MONITOR RELEASES ITS FIRST QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS ON CRITICAL INCIDENTS RELATING TO THE DENVER POLICE AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS**

The Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM) has just released its first quarterly reports providing details on the status of all pending Officer-Involved Shooting and In-Custody Death investigations and administrative reviews relating to the Denver Police (DPD) and Denver Sheriff (DSD) Departments.

In an effort to provide increased transparency regarding the administrative investigations and reviews of such incidents, the OIM has committed to publishing information relating to all incidents where a Denver Law Enforcement Officer intentionally shoots at a person or where a person dies in the custody of a Law Enforcement Officer. The reports provide summary information relating to each incident and the findings made after each Department finishes its administrative review of an incident.

The Monitor's Office released three reports, covering the first three Quarters of 2007, and intends on releasing a report covering the fourth Quarter of 2007 in early January, 2008. Thereafter, reports will be issued shortly after the end of each Quarter on an ongoing basis.

In discussing the newly issued reports, Independent Monitor Richard Rosenthal said, "These reports show that the City of Denver is dedicated to increasing the level of transparency in the Police and Sheriff Departments' handling of critical incidents. These reports will ensure that city leaders, community members and law enforcement officers are made aware of the extent to which the Departments are policing themselves in this important area."

The OIM is responsible for (1) monitoring and reporting on investigations of sworn police and sheriff personnel; (2) making recommendations to the Manager of Safety, Chief of Police and Director of Corrections regarding case findings and discipline; and (3) making policy recommendations regarding how the Departments operate.

The OIM's Quarterly Critical Incident Reports are an addition to prior Quarterly reports on Sustained Cases and Discipline and can be accessed on its website at [www.denvergov.org/oim](http://www.denvergov.org/oim).

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