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TO: Sheriff Steven A. Hall, St. Mary's County, Maryland

SUBJECT: Analysis of Bias Based Profiling - 2022

The following is an analysis for Bias Based Profiling by deputy sheriffs of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office during the periods of January through December 2022. The Sheriff's Office has an administrative policy regarding Traffic Enforcement specifically covering policies prohibiting Biased Based Traffic Stops which can be found in SMCSO Policy 401.1 Bias Based Policing. In accordance with Section 25-113 of the Maryland Transportation Article, the Sheriff's Office has gathered since 2002 specific data elements on Motor Vehicle Stops for entry into Delta Plus to generate statistical reports to the State of Maryland. Data for this report was derived from the Delta Plus software maintained by the Maryland State Police.

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office reported a total of **9,380** traffic stops. Of those, **4,111** traffic stops met the criteria for captured stops. The criteria refers to traffic stops which are based on the deputies' own observations as a reason for the stop and are cleared as "X1" by the deputies. This report does not include traffic stop data originating from the following:

- Radar Enforcement
- LASER Enforcement
- License Plate Readers (LPRs)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Criminal Investigations
- Suspicious Activity

Listed below is the statistical data associated with the **4,111** traffic stops.

The racial breakdown of those stops is as follows:

Race	Number	Percent
American Indian/Alaskan	2	0.05%
Asian	52	1.05%
Black	1,538	37.40%
Hispanic	247	6.00%
Other	61	1.50%
White	2,211	54.00%
Unknown	0	0.00%
Total	4,111	100.00%

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Gender Number Percent	Number	Percent
Female	1,468	36.00%
Male	2,643	64.00%
Unknown	0	0.00%
Total	4,111	100.00%

Age	Number	Percent
Under 20	195	4.74%
20-29	1,129	27.50%
30-39	1,044	25.45%
40-49	727	17.70%
50-59	556	13.50%
60-69	316	7.60%
70-79	107	2.60%
80-89	28	0.70%
90-99	4	0.09%
Unknown	5	0.12%
Total	4,111	100.00%

County of Residence Number Percent	Number	Percent
St. Mary's	3,139	77.00%
Other	637	15.00%
Unknown	335	8.00%
Total	4,111	100.00%

Duration of Stop Number Percent	Number	Percent
0-5 Minutes	3,482	84.70%
6-15 Minutes	511	12.40%
16-30 Minutes	90	2.20%
31-45 Minutes	23	0.60%
46-60 Minutes	5	0.10%
61-75 Minutes	0	0.00%
76-90 Minutes	0	0.00%
91-105 Minutes	0	0.00%
106-120 Minutes	0	0.00%
>120 Minutes	0	0.00%
Unknown	0	0.00%
Total	4,111	100.00%

Traffic Violation/Reason for Stop	Number	Percent
Maryland Traffic Article Section 11	63	1.60%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 12	0	0.00%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 13	679	16.50%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 14	0	0.00%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 15	0	0.00%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 16	56	1.50%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 17	4	0.00%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 18	0	0.00%

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Maryland Traffic Article Section 20	25	0.60%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 21	1,415	34.40%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 22	1,449	35.20%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 23	91	2.20%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 24	1	0.00%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 25	0	0.00%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 26	0	0.00%
Maryland Traffic Article Section 27	0	0.00%
Other	327	8.00%
Unknown	1	0.00%
Total	4,111	100.00%

Citation Issued	Number	Percent
No	3,312	80.57%
Yes	799	19.43%
Total	4,111	100.00%

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO) Issued

	Number	Percent
No	3,886	94.50%
Yes	225	5.50%
Total	4,111	100.00%

Warning Issued	Number	Percent
No	1,054	29%
Yes	3,057	70.57%
Total	4,111	100.00%

Search Conducted	Number	Percent
No	3,995	97.20%
Yes	116	2.80%
Total	4,111	100.00%

Reason for Search	Number	Percent
Consensual	3	2.58%
Exigent Circumstances	0	0.00%
Incident to Arrest	23	19.82%
K-9 Alert	15	13.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Probable Cause	75	64.60%
Unknown	0	0.00%
Total	116	100.00%

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Type of Search	Number	Percent
Both Person and Property	49	42.30%
Person	7	6.00%
Property	60	51.70%
Unknown	0	0.00%
Total	116	100.00%

Result of Search	Number	Percent
Contraband Seized	53	50.00%
Property Seized	12	11.32%
Contraband and Property Seized	0	0.00%
Nothing Seized	41	38.68%
Total	106	100.00%

Out of the 4,111 traffic stops there were a total of thirty (30) arrests. The racial breakdown of those arrests is as follows:

Race of Arrested Driver	Number	Percent
American Indian/Alaskan	0	0.00%
Asian	0	0.00%
Black	18	60.00%
Hispanic	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
White	12	40.00%
Total	30	100.00%

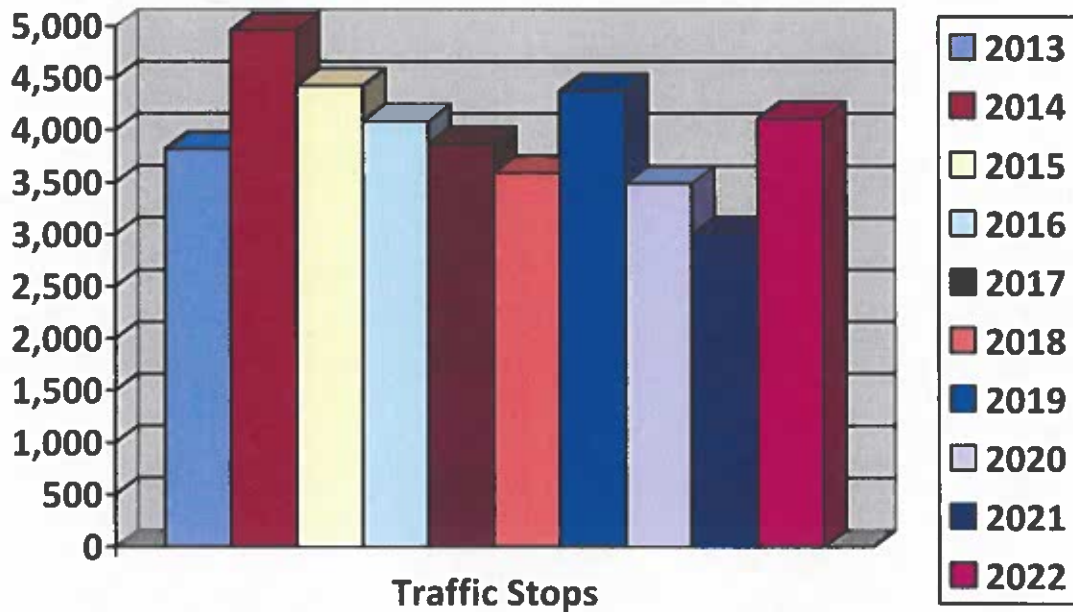
Arrest Reason	Number	Percent
Based on Search	8	27.00%
Based on Stop	12	40.00%
Warrant	6	20.00%
Other	4	13.00%
Total	30	100.00%

Note: Body Worn Cameras (BWC) and In Car Cameras are being utilized for the above stops.

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The following graph illustrates the total number of traffic stops for each year which meet the criteria to capture and report the data:



Thomas A. Hedderich
Lieutenant
Office of Professional Responsibilities

Agree

Yes () No, see indorsement.

Major:

Date 3-2-23

Yes () No, see indorsement.

Sheriff:

Date 03/2/23