

# **GREENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**2019**

# **RACIAL PROFILING REPORT**

February 11, 2020

The Honorable Mayor and Council Members  
City of Greenville  
O.Box 1049  
Greenville, TX 75403

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Since 2001, the Greenville Police Department has complied with the Texas Racial Profiling Law. The law requires compiling and presenting specific information related to traffic stops to the City Council and reporting the information to the State of Texas by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. On September 01, 2017, the Racial Profiling law was revised. The Greenville Police Department prepared for the changes in the law which became effective January 01, 2018. The data required to be submitted for all traffic stops includes:

1. Initial reason for the stop
2. Location type
3. Information relating to the race or ethnicity and gender of the individual detained
4. Whether a search was conducted: No or Yes
5. Whether the search was consensual
6. Whether contraband was discovered and its description
7. Race or Ethnicity Known Prior to Stop: N or Yes
8. Did the officer use force that caused bodily injury
9. Arrests resulting from those traffic stops: No or Yes
10. Arrest based on
11. Result of all the stops

The law states the data collected as a result of the reporting requirements shall not constitute prima facie evidence of racial profiling. It is my hope the information provided in this report will serve as evidence that the Greenville Police Department continues to strive towards the goal of maintaining strong relationships with the community.

The compilation of the supplementary report and analysis was completed by Deborah Warren, Crime Analyst / Planner for the Greenville Police Department. Analysis of our data was performed in an effort to achieve a comprehensible understanding of the variables impacting our data. It remains my continual hope to strengthen the channels of communication with those in our community as we encounter the challenges associated with keeping Greenville safe.

Sincerely,



Scott Smith  
Chief of Police

## **SUMMARY OF DATA**

The data presented in this report contains information regarding police officer self-initiated traffic stops between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019. Officer self-initiated traffic stops are defined as those stops made of motorists in the City of Greenville where no call for police service was made through the Department's Communications Center.

Based on the data collected in 2019, approximately 6,240 traffic stops were initiated by officers. Of the total number of stops made, 57.80% were Caucasian motorists, 21.81% were Hispanic motorists, 18.41% were African American motorists, 1.22% were Asian motorists, 0.42% were Middle Eastern motorists, and 0.34% were Native American motorist.

Further examination of the 6,240 traffic stops shows 216 motorists were searched with 36 of them giving officers consent to search either them or their vehicles.

Data was collected on the "Race or Ethnicity Known Prior to the Stop". Based on the data collected in 2019, the race or ethnicity of the offender was known in 234 traffic stops and unknown in 6,006 traffic stops. Of the 6,240 traffic stops, 1,341 resulted in a citation only, 24 resulted in a citation and arrest, 4,638 resulted in a verbal warning, 20 resulted in a verbal warning and arrest, 185 resulted in a written warning, and 32 resulted in a written warning and arrest.

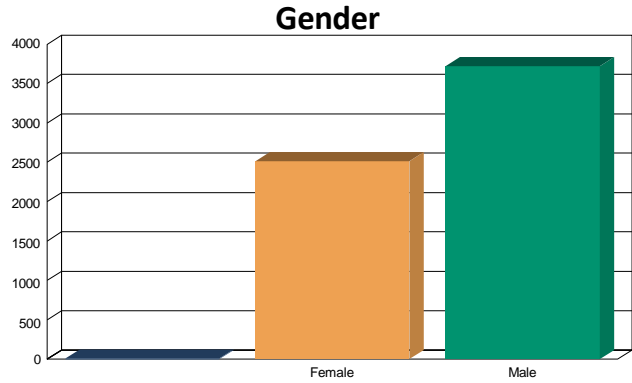
Caution should be used when interpreting this data. Consideration should be made for the time of day the traffic stops were made, the geographical location of the traffic stops (high crime area as opposed to a lesser crime area), and the fact that a motorist may have been stopped by officers on more than one occasion. The number of motorists who could be stopped increases due to five major highways going through Greenville. When comparing Race and Ethnicity of the motorists stopped, there is not a wide variation with the 2010 Census data. All the data for this report is captured by the officers when they issue a citation, make an arrest or both, or a verbal or written warning with or without an arrest by completing the Demographic Summary in the Spillman Record Management System.

Presentation of this data alone does not constitute "prima facie" evidence that the Greenville Police Department has or has not engaged in racial profiling. In 2019, the Department did not receive any Public Service Reports containing allegations of Race Discrimination.

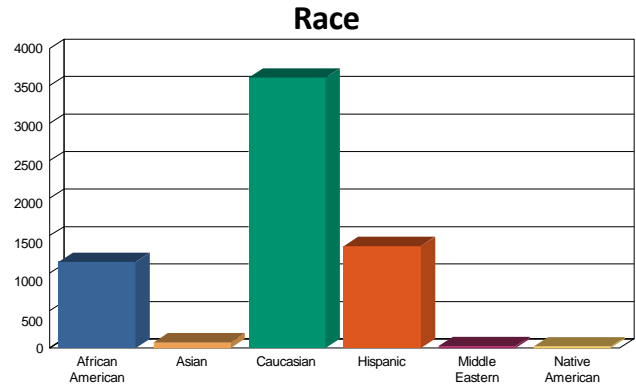
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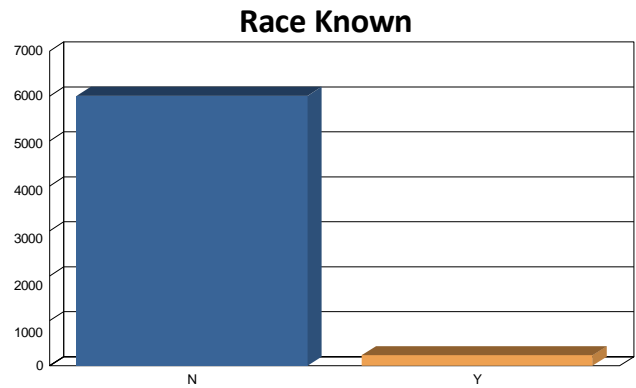
Gender	Total	
	<b>8</b>	.13%
Female	<b>2512</b>	40.26%
Male	<b>3720</b>	59.62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	100.00%



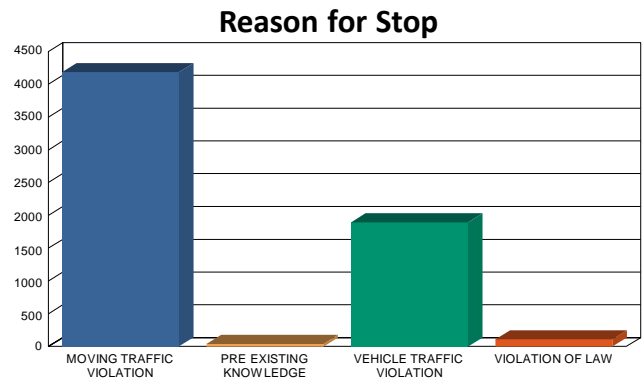
Race	Total	
African American	<b>1149</b>	18.41%
Asian	<b>76</b>	1.22%
Caucasian	<b>3607</b>	57.80%
Hispanic	<b>1361</b>	21.81%
Middle Eastern	<b>26</b>	.42%
Native American	<b>21</b>	.34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	100.00%



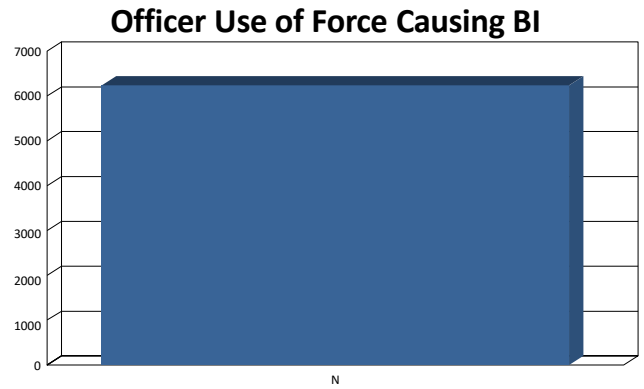
Race Known	Total	
N	<b>6006</b>	96.25%
Y	<b>234</b>	3.75%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	100.00%



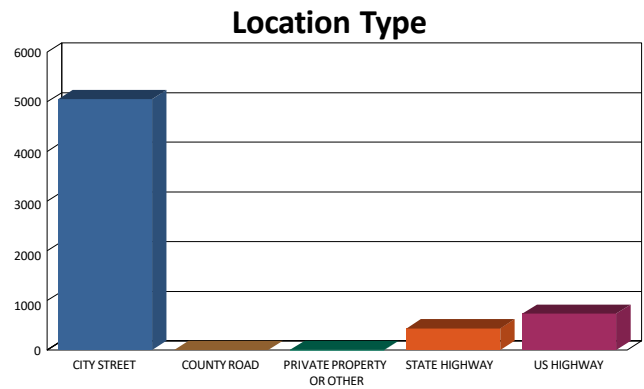
Reason for Stop	Total	
MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATION	4186	67.08%
PRE EXISTING KNOWLEDGE	43	.69%
VEHICLE TRAFFIC VIOLATION	1896	30.38%
VIOLATION OF LAW	115	1.84%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



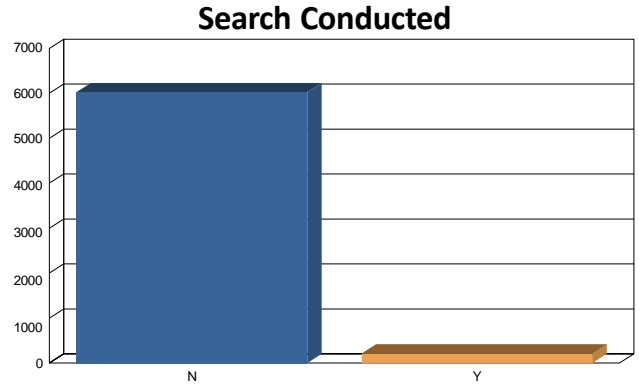
Officer Use of Force Causing BI	Total	
N	6240	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>100%</b>



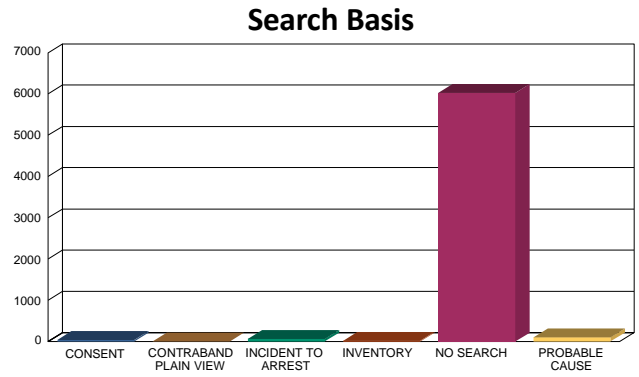
Location Type	Total	
CITY STREET	5056	81.03%
COUNTY ROAD	3	.05%
PRIVATE PROPERTY OR OTHER	4	.06%
STATE HIGHWAY	440	7.05%
US HIGHWAY	737	11.81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



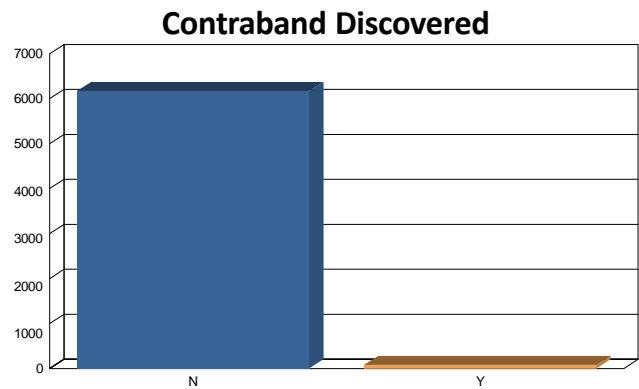
Search Conducted	Total	
N	6024	96.54%
Y	216	3.46%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



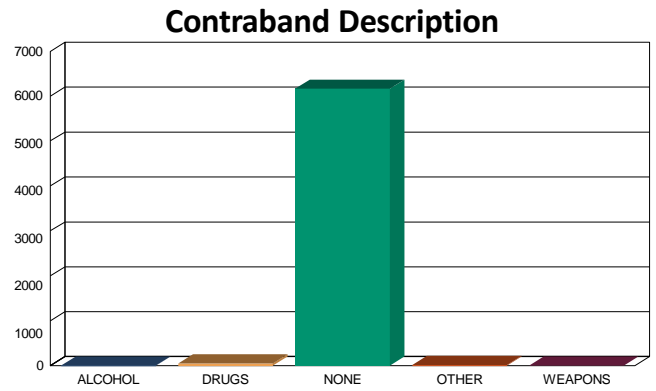
Search Basis	Total	
CONSENT	36	.58%
CONTRABAND PLAIN VIEW	1	.02%
INCIDENT TO ARREST	63	1.01%
INVENTORY	16	.26%
NO SEARCH	6024	96.54%
PROBABLE CAUSE	100	1.60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



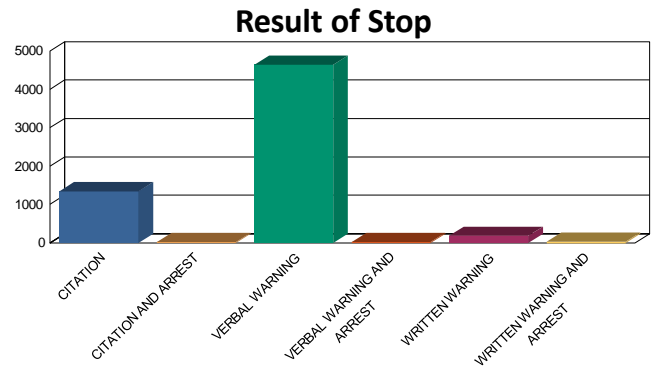
Contraband Discovered	Total	
N	6166	98.8%
Y	74	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



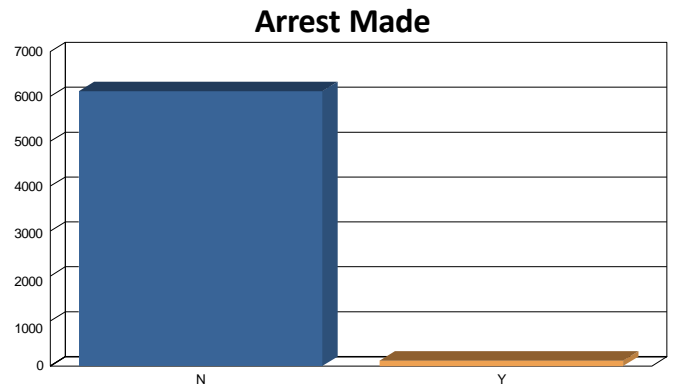
Contraband Description	Total	
ALCOHOL	5	.08%
DRUGS	52	.83%
NONE	6165	98.80%
OTHER	14	.22%
WEAPONS	4	.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



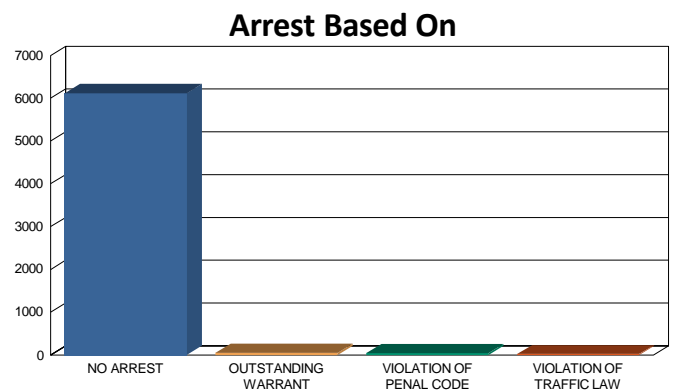
Result of Stop	Total	
CITATION	1341	21.49%
CITATION AND ARREST	24	.38%
VERBAL WARNING	4638	74.33%
VERBAL WARNING AND ARREST	20	.32%
WRITTEN WARNING	185	2.96%
WRITTEN WARNING AND ARREST	32	.51%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



Arrest Made	Total	
N	6119	98.06%
Y	121	1.94%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



Arrest Based On	Total	
NO ARREST	6119	98.06%
OUTSTANDING WARRANT	56	.90%
VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE	45	.72%
VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC LAW	20	.32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## **SUMMARY OF RACIAL PROFILING LAW**

There are 4 sections within the Racial Profiling Law governing the collection of racial profiling data. These are as follows:

### **Article 2.132**

- This section applies to all law enforcement agencies
- Requires the collection of race and ethnicity of individuals stopped on routine traffic stops
- Whether a search was conducted and if so, whether the search was consensual
- Whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual before detaining the individual
- Whether a citation was issued and or an arrest was made
- Whether a verbal warning was issued and or an arrest was made
- Whether a written warning was issued

### **Article 2.133**

- Applies to traffic stops and the collection of additional information
- Gender and race/ethnicity of person stopped on routine traffic stop
- Law suspected of violation
- Whether a search was conducted (consent, probable cause or arrest)
- Type if contraband collected, if any
- Facts supporting probable cause or arrest
- Disposition of traffic stop (arrest, citation, warning, release, etc.)
- Location of traffic stop
- Type of charge (misdemeanor, felony, traffic)

### **Article 2.134**

- Compilation and analysis of information collected
- Report required by March 1 of each year
- Provide information on each complaint filed with agency alleging racial profiling
- Cannot include name of officer or individual involved in traffic stop
- Report must follow TCOLE guideline

### **Article 2.135**

- Exemption for agencies using audio/video equipment
- Each vehicle regularly used for traffic stops is equipped with video camera and transmitted-activated equipment
- Each traffic stop is recorded
- Documentation of each traffic stop is retained for 90 days
- Documentation subject to racial profiling must be retained until final disposition of complaint

**NOTE:** *The Greenville Police Department is exempt from the reporting requirements under Articles 2.133 and 2.134 of this statute because all “patrol vehicles” are equipped with audio/visual recording equipment. We currently comply with Article 2.132 and 2.135 of this statute.*