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NOPD MAKES TURNAROUND REPORTING AND DOCUMENTING RAPES

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General (OIG) today released a report titled "[New Orleans Police Department Documenting and Reporting of Rapes.](#)"

OIG auditors examined the NOPD's documenting and reporting of rapes to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR Program) for the period of October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The OIG found that the NOPD classified 99.4 percent of all 154 sex crime related calls for service in accordance with UCR guidelines. The OIG also found that NOPD included documentation in 100 percent of the case files and that NOPD supervisors reviewed and/or approved 100 percent of the case files in accordance with NOPD policies and procedures.

OIG auditors also found that NOPD reclassified (upgraded) 78 of the 154 (50.6 percent) calls for service and properly reported these offenses to the UCR Program. OIG auditors also found that no instances of rape were reclassified (downgraded) to a miscellaneous offense.

The OIG conducted this audit as a result of two previous reports that showed serious systemic problems with NOPD's documenting and reporting of rapes. A May 2014 OIG [audit](#) revealed that NOPD misclassified 46 percent of forcible rape offenses tested for the three-year period June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2013. That audit led to an OIG Investigations Division inquiry into NOPD's documentation of sex crimes investigations by five detectives in the Special Victims Section. The [report](#), released in November 2014, found that 65 percent of the sex crime cases reviewed contained no documentation or investigative efforts beyond the initial report and revealed a lack of effective supervision.

"Our latest audit shows our 2014 reports launched a turnaround for NOPD's handling of rapes, and NOPD deserves praise for this important progress," stated Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux. "We will continue to audit the accuracy of sex crimes and other offenses to make sure the trend continues."

In addition to today's report, the OIG released a [brief](#) with highlights. All OIG reports can be viewed on its website nolaoig.gov.

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