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NOPD Commits to Improving Early Warning Program

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General today released a report titled “Review of the New Orleans Police Department Early Warning Program.”

Early Warning (EW) programs are designed to analyze patterns of behavior that suggest the need for behavioral interventions. The EW program is one of the principal areas targeted in the NOPD Consent Decree, and this review establishes a baseline against which to measure future progress.

The review revealed a number of problems including an ineffective process for monitoring changes in officer behavior. NOPD committed to improvements in a number of areas, including holding supervisors accountable for submitting monitoring reports of officers’ post-intervention performance and for implementing a process to determine when a program participant has successfully completed the intervention.

“The commitments NOPD has made to improve its EW program would make it more effective in improving officer performance,” stated Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux.

The report is attached to this press release. Other reports issued by the Office of Inspector General can be viewed and downloaded from the website at <http://www.nolaoig.org>.

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