

## **POLICE REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER**

In the first five fiscal years of the administration, the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division opened 20 investigations into police departments, more than twice as many investigations than were opened in the previous five fiscal years.

The department has entered into 15 agreements with law enforcement agencies, including nine consent decrees.

- **Consent Decrees:** *New Orleans Police Department, Puerto Rico Police Department; Seattle Police Department; Portland (Oregon) Police Department; Detroit Police Department; Virgin Islands Police Department; East Haven (Connecticut) Police Department; Warren (Ohio) Police Department; Albuquerque (New Mexico) Police Department*
- **Out-of-Court Agreements:** *Missoula (Montana) Police Department, University of Montana Department of Public Safety, Suffolk County (New York) Police Department, Beacon (New York) Police Department, Easton (Pennsylvania) Police Department, Missoula County Attorney's Office*

Over the past three years, the department has successfully concluded the implementation of two consent decrees, as well as a memorandum of agreement (MOA).

- **Consent Decrees:** *Los Angeles Police Department and District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department*
- **MOA:** *Orange County (Florida) Sheriff's Office*

The vast majority of law enforcement agencies enter into voluntary agreements, however, the department has filed suit when agencies have been unwilling to correct patterns or practices of misconduct. The department is currently in litigation with four jurisdictions:

- *Maricopa, Arizona; Alamance, North Carolina; Colorado City, Arizona; Meridian, Mississippi*

The department currently has nine open investigations. In the majority of these investigations the department has issued findings or technical assistance letters.

- **Findings:** *Ferguson (Missouri) Police Department; Cleveland Division of Police; Miami Police Department; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department-Antelope Valley; Newark (New Jersey) Police Department*
- **Technical Assistance Letters:** *Yonkers (New York) Police Department; Inglewood (California) Police Department*
- **Ongoing Investigations:** *Ville Platte (Louisiana) Police Department; Evangeline Parrish (Louisiana) Sheriff's Office*

The department does not always find constitutional violations. In the past six years, the department has concluded five investigations of law enforcement agencies without finding constitutional violations.

- *Austin (Texas) Police Department, Escambia County (Florida) Sheriff's Office, Lorain (Ohio) Police Department, Harvey (Illinois) Police Department, Schenectady (New York) Police Department.*