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Question for police chief on data

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To: chiefNBPD@newbedfordpd.com Cc: Leon Smith < > Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 12:57 PM

Dear Chief Cordeiro,

Greetings from Citizens for Juvenile Justice, an advocacy organization working to improve the juvenile justice system in Massachusetts.

We are working on some data analysis of police practice around the state. As part of that exercise, we have some initial analysis of New Bedford Police data that shows that:

- African-Americans are significantly over-represented in police field incidents than their population.

- 10 NBPD officers were involved in almost half of police field incident reports over the last five years, and these officers mainly stopped Black or Latinx people.

- African Americans are far more likely to be listed on the NB Verified Gang Database than white people.

Do you wish to comment on these findings? We are happy to hear from you by email, or to schedule a phone call.

We would appreciate hearing from you by next Wednesday, March 17.

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Thank you, Josh

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