

The current status of the IA investigation into MCSO's SVU is the "Findings" stage. All personnel associated with the case have been interviewed and the case is being reviewed for all possible policy violations.

Since the final determination of the SVU case has not been made yet no personnel associated with this case has been held accountable or disciplined. If and when any policy violations for employees are "Sustained" in this case, appropriate action will be taken.

Although the IA case was previously "stalled" at the direction of Hendershott, an extensive audit of the SVU began in 2008 in which investigators re-opened over 500 sex crime cases dating back to 2005. The purpose of this audit was to address the concerns with the SVU which had been brought to light at the onset of the IA investigation. Over the course of the SVU audit, over 400 cases were found to be lacking in investigative efforts. A special squad of experienced detectives was organized to provide follow up on those cases and ensure no cases were left un-worked.

Those cases turned back over to El Mirage included detailed notes explaining what had been worked to date, and what investigators felt needed to still be completed.

The SVU case logs for each detective were investigated to determine what cases SVU showed open/closed.

An extensive search of databases were conducted to determine the true number of sex cases assigned to SVU, the total number of cases was 508.

Of those 508 cases 400 required additional follow-up. 47 cases belonged to the City of El Mirage and were turned over to El Mirage PD.

The remaining 353 cases were reopened in order to complete the remaining investigation.