

Summary of complaints to the Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board (Board)  
Fiscal Year 2019 – Final Report.

For the fiscal year period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, there were a total of 9 complaints filed with the Board against Constables for a variety of allegations. At this time, all complaints have been closed. Of these, 7 have been dismissed by the Board, and 2 complaints resulted in disciplinary action being taken by the Board.

Those complaints were as follows:

**CNA240-2019** was opened on May 20, 2019 against Pima County **Constable Oscar Vasquez** which involved a confrontation between the complainant and constable following a driving incident. The Board considered past occurrences of vehicle related complaints, and at their August 21, 2019 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to place the constable on 30 days probation. The Board requested the Pima County Presiding Constable to counsel Constable Vasquez during this period and report back to the Board. At their September 18, 2019 meeting, the Board reviewed the feedback received from the Presiding Constable, who reported that no progress has been made to alter the behavior of Constable Vasquez. The Board voted unanimously to issue a written reprimand to Constable Vasquez.

**CNA243-2019** was opened on June 13, 2019 against Pima County **Constable Bennett Bernal**. The complainant stated the constable left the property before eviction service was complete. The constable stated there were extenuating circumstances since there were only minor children at home at the time, and maintenance was not ready to change locks yet. Since there was going to be a gap in time, the constable stated he cleared with property management that he would leave to fulfill other duties while maintenance was preparing for the lock-out and would return shortly. He believed he was following proper protocol in doing so. At their August 21, 2019 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to issue the constable a warning and requested the Pima County Presiding Constable set up a mediation between the complainant and constable to make sure both parties were clear on correct procedures. At their September 18, 2019 meeting, the Board reviewed the feedback received from the Presiding Constable, who reported that they were unable to get the complainant to meet, however, the Presiding Constable is confident that Constable Bernal is now clear regarding service procedures. No additional action was required and the case is now closed.