



Kevin Thom  
Sheriff

# Rapid City Police Department Pennington County Sheriff's Office

## "Progress Through Cooperation"

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Don Hedrick  
Interim  
Chief of Police

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Samuel Sinyangwe  
MuckRock News  
411A Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe,

The Rapid City Police Department has received your request for information. See below in RED for responses.

1. The total number of use of force incidents, separated by year and by type of force used from 2016-2019 (for example, "27 Taser incidents in 2016, 3 baton incidents in 2017, etc.)  
**Per South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL 1-27-1.5), Records that are developed or received by law enforcement agencies are exempt from public records that are open to inspection and copying. The requested information will be released with a Court Order.**
2. The total number of civilian complaints alleging any form of law enforcement misconduct that were reported and the total number sustained, separated by year (for example, 8 complaints in 2016, 2 complaints sustained in 2017, 4 complaints in 2018, 1 complaint sustained in 2019, etc.)
3. The total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained from 2016-2019, separated by year
4. The total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained from 2016-2019, separated by year

**All public information concerning civilian complaints can be found on our website:**  
<https://www.rcgov.org/departments/police-department/stats-reports-and-forms.html>

Sincerely,

Jennie Clabo  
Technology and Records Manager