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ISSUE	TOTAL
Allegations of Retaliation/Harassment for use of Grievance Procedure	28
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	1
Grievance filed and pending outcome of grievance	7
Other action taken	1
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	18
Some corrective action/Some unable to provide outcome requested	1
Allegations of Retaliation/Harassment for efforts to exercise Access to Courts rights	4
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	2
Pending Litigation/Provided general information	2
Allegations of Harassment for contributing to or cooperating with an Official Investigation	3
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
General info provided/Policy or process explained	3
Unprofessional Staff Appearance	1
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
General info provided/Policy or process explained	1
Threats from Staff	21
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
General info provided/Policy or process explained	7
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	14
Allegations of Profanity/Racial Slurs/Taunting/Badgering/Intimidation	50
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Grievance filed and pending outcome of grievance	8
Other action taken	2
General info provided/Policy or process explained	7
Offender reassigned unit/housing/job/class/program	1
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	32
Allegations of Denial/Interference with Activity	55
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	2
Grievance filed and pending outcome of grievance	7
Other action taken	3
Records corrected	1
General info provided/Policy or process explained	10
Requested additional information from requestor	1
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	30
Some corrective action/Some unable to provide outcome requested	1

ISSUE		TOTAL
Allegations of Unprofessional Staff Conduct (behavior that does not fall into any other category)		1101
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>		
Duplicate Entry		1
Duplicate request from the same requestor		4
Request to disregard		4
Not satisfied with response		1
Unable to provide outcome or information requested		19
Grievance filed and pending outcome of grievance		117
Other action taken		27
Records corrected		1
General info provided/Policy or process explained		207
Requested additional information from requestor		8
Referred to OIG		1
Referred to PREA		12
Offender reassigned unit/housing/job/class/program		1
Investigated - No corrective action necessary		683
Request approved/Corrective action taken		4
Contact information provided		1
Some corrective action/Some unable to provide outcome requested		10
Staff Issues Not Otherwise Specified		28
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>		
Additional information received from requestor		1
Request to disregard		1
Grievance filed and pending outcome of grievance		1
Other action taken		1
General info provided/Policy or process explained		7
Requested additional information from requestor		2
Referred to OIG		2
Investigated - No corrective action necessary		13
Transportation (any issue regarding offender movement via bus, van, etc.)		4
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>		
General info provided/Policy or process explained		3
Request approved/Corrective action taken		1

ISSUE	TOTAL
Allegations against Offenders (extortion, fraud, unauthorized and/or criminal activity which could result in disciplinary and/or criminal charges)	29
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Grievance filed and pending outcome of grievance	2
Other action taken	2
General info provided/Policy or process explained	10
Requested additional information from requestor	1
Offender reassigned unit/housing/job/class/program	4
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	8
Some corrective action/Some unable to provide outcome requested	1
Not TDCJ jurisdiction	1
Allegations against Grievance staff	15
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Grievance filed and pending outcome of grievance	1
Other action taken	1
General info provided/Policy or process explained	4
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	8
Some corrective action/Some unable to provide outcome requested	1
Grievance Procedure/Processing/Response Time	61
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	2
Grievance filed and pending outcome of grievance	6
Other action taken	3
Records corrected	2
General info provided/Policy or process explained	30
Requested additional information from requestor	1
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	14
Grievance overturned	1
Disciplinary overturned	1
Some corrective action/Some unable to provide outcome requested	1
Access to Grievance Forms	1
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	1
DNA Issues (not to be used for requests in custody/parent issues, guilt or innocence of conviction, etc.)	7
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
General info provided/Policy or process explained	7

ISSUE	TOTAL
FYI – Ombudsman office cc'd on inquiries from or to various TDCJ officials/offices. Filed for informational purposes only.	558
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Duplicate request from the same requestor	5
Additional information received from requestor	383
Request to disregard	135
Not satisfied with response	32
Not TDCJ jurisdiction	2
No contact information for requestor	1
Telephone/Internet/Mail Contacts	813
Used when Ombudsman office receives numerous letters – same subject, same requestor.	
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Duplicate Entry	59
Duplicate request from the same requestor	754
Requests for Research (any non-media requests to conduct research or conduct interviews of research in order to write a paper, book, etc.)	25
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Request to disregard	1
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	1
Other action taken	1
General info provided/Policy or process explained	21
Requested additional information from requestor	1
Allegations of Violations of Parole Conditions or Criminal Activity by Parolee	145
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Request to disregard	2
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	10
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	46
General info provided/Policy or process explained	51
Requested additional information from requestor	23
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	1
Contact information provided	12
Policies/Procedures/Requirements/Supervision Systems	559
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Request to disregard	1
Not satisfied with response	1
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	25
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	71
General info provided/Policy or process explained	371
Requested additional information from requestor	12
Parole support or protest letter received	1
Contact information provided	77

ISSUE	TOTAL
Community Supervision Programs	11
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	1
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	2
General info provided/Policy or process explained	8
SAFPF Process (screening, judicial process)	3
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	1
General info provided/Policy or process explained	2
Offender's Community Supervision Status	2
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
General info provided/Policy or process explained	2
Transfers within State (facility transfer requests)	271
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Duplicate request from the same requestor	1
Compliment/Thank you	1
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	24
Other action taken	12
General info provided/Policy or process explained	203
Requested additional information from requestor	7
Offender reassigned unit/housing/job/class/program	2
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	17
Request approved/Corrective action taken	3
Some corrective action/Some unable to provide outcome requested	1
Transfers out of State (transfers to out of state prisons – Interstate Corrections Compact)	4
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
General info provided/Policy or process explained	3
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	1
Victim Issues	65
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	3
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	40
General info provided/Policy or process explained	12
Requested additional information from requestor	6
Parole support or protest letter received	4

ISSUE	TOTAL
Parole Status or Parole Review Process Inquiry	3268
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Duplicate Entry	2
Request to disregard	1
Not satisfied with response	3
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	761
General info provided/Policy or process explained	2184
Requested additional information from requestor	274
Parole support or protest letter received	10
Referred to BPP	8
Contact information provided	16
Some corrective action/Some unable to provide outcome requested	9
BPP Parole Decision Inquiry	2
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
General info provided/Policy or process explained	1
Referred to BPP	1
Parole Division Policy/Procedure Inquiry/ISF Release Inquiry	237
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	38
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	32
General info provided/Policy or process explained	156
Requested additional information from requestor	5
Offender reassigned unit/housing/job/class/program	1
Parole support or protest letter received	1
Referred to BPP	1
Contact information provided	3
BPP Policy/Procedure Inquiry	62
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Requested additional information from requestor	2
Referred to BPP	60
Parole Revocation Process/Concern	144
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	12
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	15
General info provided/Policy or process explained	96
Requested additional information from requestor	6
Request approved/Corrective action taken	1
Contact information provided	13
Not TDCJ jurisdiction	1
BPP Parole Revocation Decision Inquiry	2
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	1
Requested additional information from requestor	1

ISSUE	TOTAL
Parole Officer/Office Inquiry	624
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Duplicate entry	1
Duplicate request from the same requestor	1
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	24
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	27
General info provided/Policy or process explained	255
Requested additional information from requestor	10
Parole support or protest letter received	1
Contact information provided	303
Some corrective action/Some unable to provide outcome requested	2
Pardons/Commutations/Special Parole Reviews/Special Medical Needs Parole Inquiry	2
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	1
Other action taken	1
Interstate Compact Inquiry (for parole or community supervision)	26
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	1
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	3
General info provided/Policy or process explained	19
Requested additional information from requestor	2
Contact information provided	1
Conviction Information	85
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	12
Records corrected	1
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	18
General info provided/Policy or process explained	44
Requested additional information from requestor	8
Not TDCJ jurisdiction	2
State Jail/SAFPF Release Inquiry	33
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	8
Other action taken	2
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	5
General info provided/Policy or process explained	15
Requested additional information from requestor	1
Not TDCJ jurisdiction	2

ISSUE	TOTAL
Compliment/Thank you	1103
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Compliment/Thank you	965
Not satisfied with response	138
Support/Non-Support Letters for Parole Release	1233
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Duplicate entry	1
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	13
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	27
General info provided/Policy or process explained	20
Requested additional information from requestor	77
Parole support or protest letter received	1093
Contact information provided	2
Other (general information questions: phone number/address, email addresses, directions to units, pick up procedures for releasees, etc)	2068
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Duplicate Entry	2
Duplicate request from the same requestor	1
Inquiry status	170
Additional information received from requestor	10
Request to disregard	6
Not satisfied with response	53
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	154
Grievance filed and pending outcome of grievance	1
Other action taken	1
Records corrected	2
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	118
General info provided/Policy or process explained	1317
Requested additional information from requestor	207
Investigated - No corrective action necessary	9
Contact information provided	14
Not TDCJ jurisdiction	3
Improper – TDCJ does not have the authority to address the issue(s). (County jails, federal facilities, arrests/trials/confinement, innocence/guilt, offender wages, child support, etc.)	118
<i>Resolutions/Outcomes</i>	
Request to disregard	1
Unable to provide outcome or information requested	24
Offender information provided/Information provided to victim	1
General info provided/Policy or process explained	13
Requested additional information from requestor	1
Not TDCJ jurisdiction	78
TOTAL	19,569