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To: Laramie City Council
Fr: Dale A. Stalder, Chief of Police *DS*
Re: 2020 Bias Crime Report

In accordance with City of Laramie Ordinance 9.08.020, Bias Crime Reporting, I am submitting this memo as a statistical report of all Bias crimes and occurrences committed within the City of Laramie during 2020.

During 2020, the Laramie Police Department investigated four bias crimes and two bias incidents. All of the identified biases were racial or homophobic in nature. Two arrests were made for disorderly conduct / inciting a fight in one of the incidents. The other bias crimes were vandalisms and no suspects were identified in those incidents. The two identified bias incidents involved verbal confrontations between adults or juveniles. We determined that two of the incidents were loosely related to the ongoing demonstrations during the summer of 2020.

The Laramie Police Department uses standards mandated by the Uniformed Crime Reporting (UCR) section of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Training is done for all employees of the Department on an annual basis and members of the LARC Division, Records Unit are trained in UCR Reporting. Policy is in place within the Department that guides the investigative process as it relates to bias crime investigations and reporting. Our internal process is to apply a tiered review of all crimes in which bias is a potential motivating factor.

As you see within this report, based on concerns expressed by citizens in 2020, we have expanded our classification of bias-related incidents to include non-criminal, non-UCR occurrences. We will continue to explore ways that we can track bias within our community and would welcome your feedback.