

Inmates use of social networking sites – Final dispositions

Included in the Department of Corrections' (SCDC) June 20, 2019 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's May 30, 2019 letter to the Department of Corrections: "29. For the last five years, what is the (a) number of known incidents of inmates utilizing internet-based social networking websites, (b) number of those incidents which resulted in charges, and (c) adjudication of those charges?"

In addition to providing the information in this document, SCDC provided the following response:

- (a) - See below count of Social Media Tips received as of 5/6/19.

Number of Inmate Social Media Complaints/Tips Received by Calendar Year						
	<u>CY14</u>	<u>CY15</u>	<u>CY16</u>	<u>CY17</u>	<u>CY18</u>	<u>CY19YTD</u>
Totals	227	134	307	593	563	329

- (b) and (c) - Please see attached final dispositions. Definitions of final disposition codes are below:
 - **Closed:** When an infraction is disposed of through informal or some other means (Inmate in RHU that is a habitual offender and the action is non-assaultive in nature) within the disciplinary process. NOTE: A closed entry acknowledges a conviction of an offense, but ensures no good time is taken.
 - **Convicted:** When an inmate is/was found guilty, or pled guilty of the charged infraction.
 - **Dismissed:** When an inmate's charge was dropped due to technical reasons and/or procedural errors.
 - **Not Guilty:** When an inmate is cleared of charged infraction in a formal disciplinary hearing through a preponderance of the credible evidence presented.
 - **Pending:** The disciplinary case has not been heard by a Disciplinary Hearing Officer.

**Final Dispositions where Disiplinary Charge is Code 902 - Create/Assist with Social Networking Site,
Final Disposition Status and Disciplinary Charge Counts as of June 4, 2019**

FINAL DISPOSITION	FISCAL YEAR						TOTAL
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
CLOSED		1	1	1	2		5
CONVICTED	225	148	197	373	230	224	1,397
DISMISSED	38	33	53	81	81	80	366
NOT GUILTY	21	15	9	19	15	18	97
PENDING				1		28	29
TOTAL	284	197	260	475	328	350	1,894