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1996 HATE CRIME REPORT

City of Chicago
Commission on Human Relations

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February 11, 1997

Dear Friend in Human Relations,

Attached you will find the annual Chicago Commission on Human Relations (CCHR) Hate Crimes Report. We have shared monthly reports with you in the course of the year. The present document displays a cumulative picture for January 1 - December 31, 1996.

You will note that the latest annual total for hate crimes, a total of 173 reported to the Commission by the Chicago Police Department, is the lowest in the 11 years that the Commission has tracked such data.

In fact, reported hate crimes for three years in succession have shown a slight decline, in part because of the absence of volatile national or international tensions which have contributed to the expression of hate in the past. Incidents such as the Rodney King verdict riots in Los Angeles, the Gulf War, the Intifada uprising by Palestinians in the West Bank, and the Bosnian conflict have all previously generated hate crimes in Chicago with clear reference to these other conflicts. Many of these conflicts are being resolved and are no longer adding to Chicago hate crimes. Also in 1996, celebrations of the Chicago Bulls championship were characterized by relative calm in comparison to celebrations in previous years. Additionally, the demographics of youth which tend to drive all types of crime in society have changed: As the numbers of teen and young adult males have declined so too have crime rates all across the country.

However, we should not let the dip in hate crimes deceive us or lull us into complacency. For Chicago to succeed as a pluralistic, integrated, and interactive city, even one hate crime is one too many.

Many times hate crimes are an indication of community-wide tensions, and Commission staff members work with community leaders and residents to attempt to identify and address these tensions. The Commission maintains hate crime data and produces annual hate crime statistical reports to attempt to determine if hate crimes are part of a pattern of tension in a community and if further escalation of tension is likely to occur if remedial action is not taken.

The Commission is mandated by the 1990 City of Chicago Hate Crime Ordinance to assist hate crime victims. CCHR staff members respond to information on reported hate crimes provided by the Civil Rights Unit of the Chicago Police Department and work with hate crime victims to provide support in the criminal court process and in the victims' communities, as appropriate.

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In 1996, for instance:

- * Four white teenagers viciously attacked a 13 year old Chinese boy in Bridgeport. Of the three offenders arrested and charged with strong armed robbery and hate crime, two were found guilty and sentenced. Commission staff alerted the Commission's Chinatown/Bridgeport/Armour Square Human Relations Alliance. The victim's family was also referred to the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which assisted them in filing a civil suit for the youngster's medical expenses and mental damages. As a result of the campaign for victim support, the Chinese American Youth Service League became more involved in fighting hate crime and cosponsored a series of Commission workshops for community leaders and local youth.

- * Smoke from a fire started on the back stairs heavily damaged the home of a 70-year old Orthodox Jewish man, a Holocaust survivor living in the Albany Park area. Earlier, a prayer hut belonging to the man was set afire in his backyard, signalling the probable religious intent of both crimes. While the perpetrator remains at large, a Human Relations task force mobilized residents behind the victim with the message that he was not alone and the crimes were not condoned by his neighbors.

- * Students at Keller School, a racially integrated public elementary school in predominantly white Mount Greenwood, encountered wood chips arranged in the form of a swastika in their playground. Because of a concerted effort by Commission staff, parents, police, and a local priest who condemned the crime from the pulpit, white neighborhood residents volunteered information that brought a white juvenile to justice. The youth was found guilty and sentenced to one year's probation and 100 hours community service. This incident helped the Commission form a citizens group called Unity in Diversity to create ongoing dialog on issues of diversity and monitor and respond to tensions in this and nearby communities.

The pernicious nature of hate crimes and their destruction of community and social cohesion are painful to behold, but we should not be without hope. Progress can be made in the fight against bigotry and intolerance, which drive hate crime.

The Commission recently presented Human Relations Awards to five Chicagoans whose achievements have improved intergroup understanding and cooperation. One awardee, Raymond Carey, a lifelong blue-collar resident of Canaryville, decided to get involved after a series of hate crimes was committed by youth in his area. Among his accomplishments, Mr. Carey spearheaded the creation of a vibrant youth center where interracial friendships flourish. He also successfully turned the tide against the proposed closing of two underpasses connecting the predominantly segregated communities of Canaryville and Fuller Park.

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The example of Mr. Carey's work and that of the other award recipients reminds us that change is possible. Working together, motivated neighborhood residents and community leaders can bridge differences. In the future society towards which they are working, harmony will hold sway and hate crime will be an anachronism.

As another of our 1997 awardees, The Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Smith, observed in his keynote address at the Commission's 52nd annual awards luncheon, commenting on the vision for America proposed in Brown vs. The Board of Education, the 1954 Supreme Court decision: "Laws are essential for they regulate and constrain behavior. But laws are not enough. True change comes when there is transformation -- transformation of the attitudes and the heart."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clarence N. Wood".

Clarence N. Wood
Chair/Commissioner

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**CHICAGO COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS
HATE CRIMES REPORT**

Cases reported to the Commission
by the

Chicago Police Department Civil Rights Unit
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1996 (173 Cases)
As of December 31, 1995 there were 219 cases

Location

Region I	62 Cases (36%)
Region II	35 Cases (20%)
Region III	58 Cases (34%)
Region IV	18 Cases (11%)
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Total	173 Cases (100%)

Basis

Racial	116 Cases (67%)
Religious	27 Cases (16%)
Sexual Orientation	16 Cases (9%)
National Origin	14 Cases (8%)
Gender	0 Cases (0%)
Disability	0 Cases (0%)
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Total	173 Cases (100%)

Charge

Criminal Property Damage	54 Cases (31%)
Simple Assault	34 Cases (20%)
Simple Battery	28 Cases (16%)
Telephone Threat/Harass	15 Cases (9%)
Aggravated Battery	13 Cases (8%)
Aggravated Assault	12 Cases (8%)
Arson	6 Cases (4%)
Robbery	5 Cases (3%)
Criminal Trespass to Land	2 Cases (1%)
Arson Threat	2 Cases (1%)
Mail Threat	2 Case (1%)
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Total	173 Cases (100%)

Racial Hate Crimes

Of the 116 racially motivated hate crimes

- White victims in 43 Cases (37%)
 - 31 Black offenders (72%)
 - 9 Unknown offenders (21%)
 - 3 White offenders (7%)
- Black victims in 50 Cases (43%)
 - 24 White offenders (51%)

Racial Hate Crimes (cont)

- 18 Unknown offenders(34%)
- 8 Latino offenders(15%)

Of the 116 racially motivated hate crimes

- Latino victims in 10 Cases(9%)
 - 5 Unknown offenders(50%)
 - 4 White offenders(40%)
 - 1 Black offender (10%)
- Institutional victim in 9 Case(8%)
 - 8 Unknown offenders (89%)
 - 1 White offender (11%)
- Asian/Pacific victims in 3 Cases(3%)
 - 3 White offenders(100%)
- Middle Eastern victim in 1 Case(1%)
 - 1 Black offender(100%)

Of the 116 racially motivated hate crimes

- Offender race unknown in 40 Cases(34%)

Of 76 cases where race of offender is known:

- White offender in 35 Cases(46%)
- Black offender in 33 Cases(43%)
- Latino offender in 8 Cases(11%)

Racial Hate Crimes Basis Trigger

The incident occurred because victim(s) was/or was perceived to be/or was part of a group in the following:

- 65 cases-Black individuals or institutions(56%)
- 39 cases-White individuals or institutions(34%)
- 5 cases-Latino individuals or institutions(4%)
- 3 case-Asian individuals or institutions(3%)
- 2 case-Mexican individuals or institutions(2%)
- 1 case-Middle Eastern individual or institution(1%)
- 1 case-Mixed individuals or institution(1%)

Religious Hate Crimes Basis Trigger

The incident occurred because victim(s) was/or was perceived to be/or was part of a group in the following:

- Jewish individuals or institutions in 25 cases (93%)
- Non-Christian in 2 case (7%)

Offender Ethnicity

- 19 cases involved unknown offenders(70%)
- 6 cases involved White offenders(22%)
- 1 case involved Black offender(4%)
- 1 case involved Latino offender(4%)

Sexual Orientation Hate Crimes

Victim and Offender Gender

- 12 cases with male offenders and male victims
- 4 cases with unknown offenders and male victims

Sexual Orientation Hate Crimes (cont

Offender Race

- 6 cases with Black offenders(38%)
- 5 cases with White offenders(31%)
- 4 cases with Unknown offenders(25%)
- 1 case with Latino offender(6%)

Offender Age

- 6 cases with offenders between 17 & 25 years(38%)
- 5 cases with unknown offenders(31%)
- 4 cases with offenders between 26 & 59 years(25%)
- 1 case offender under 16 years(6%)

National Origin Hate Crimes Basis Trigger

The incident occurred because victim(s) was/or was perceived to be/or was part of a group in the following:

- 5 cases involved Latino victims (36%)
- 5 cases involved Asian/Pacific victims (36%)
- 2 cases involved Polish victims (15%)
- 1 cases involved Middle Eastern victims (15%)
- 1 case involved Bosnian victim (8%)

Offender Ethnicity

- 9 cases involved unknown offenders(64%)
- 3 cases involved Black offenders (22%)
- 2 cases involved White offenders (14%)

All Hate Crimes(173 Cases)

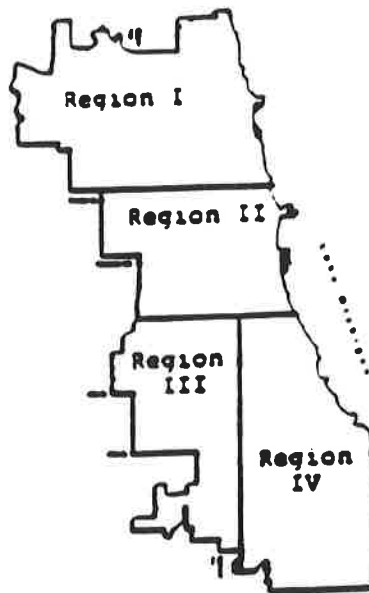
Offender's Age unknown in 76 Cases(44%)

All Hate Crimes

Of remaining 97 Cases

- 37 cases with Offenders aged 26-59(38%)
- 35 cases with Offenders aged 17-25(36%)
- 15 cases with Offenders under age 16(16%)
- 7 cases with Offenders under age 16 w/adults 17-25 (7%)
- 2 cases with Offenders aged 60 PLUS(2%)
- 1 case with Offenders aged 17-25/26-29(1%)

The Community Relations and Education Division has divided the city into four regions. **Region I** is north of North Avenue; **Region II** covers the area between North Avenue and Pershing Road; **Region III** covers the area south of Pershing Road and west of Halsted Street; **Region IV** covers the area south of Pershing Road and east of Halsted Street. Each regional team includes an InterGroup Relations Specialist and two Director/Community Liaisons.



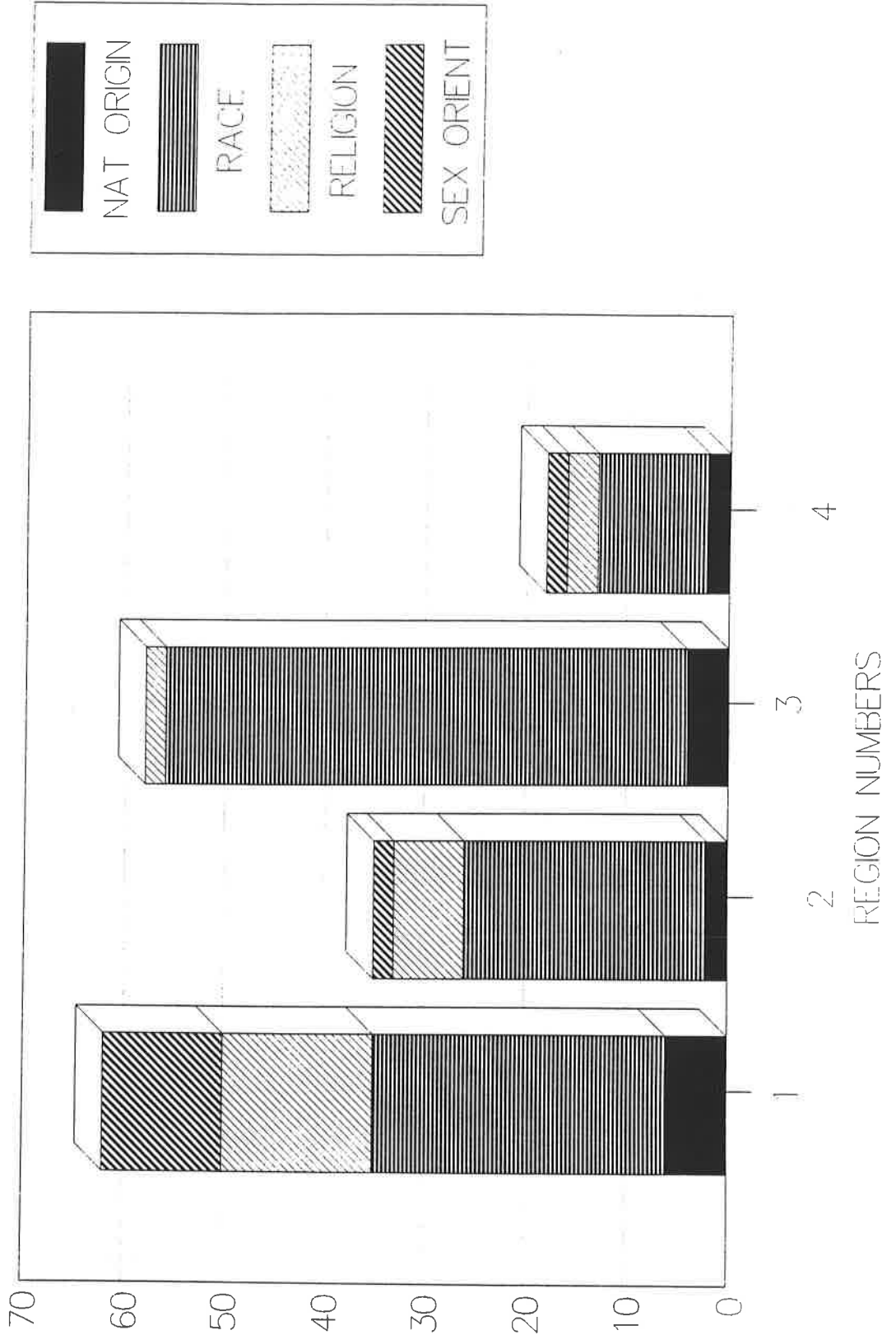
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HATE CRIMES BY REGION

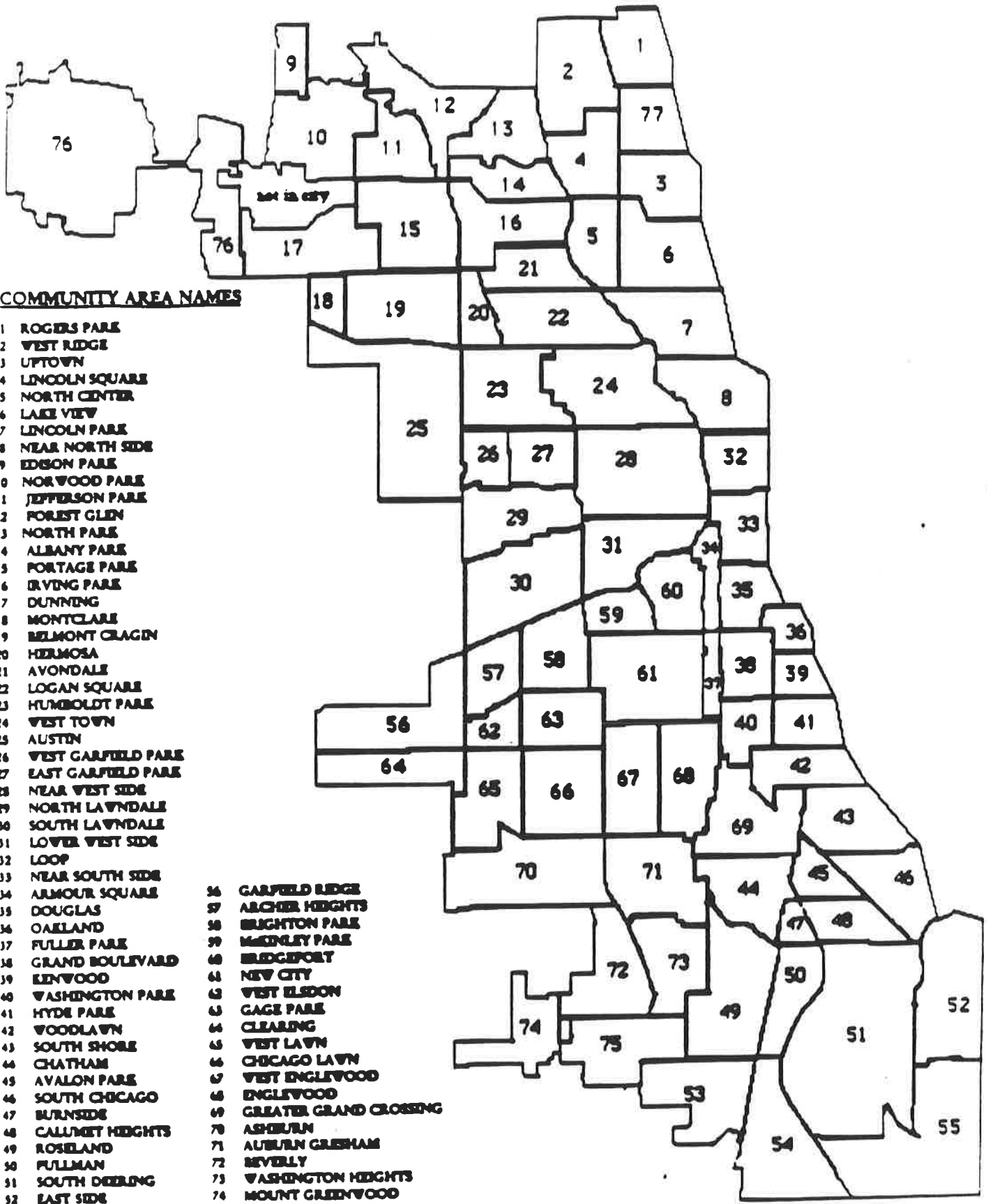
REGION #	NATIONAL ORIGIN	RACE	RELIGION	SEXUAL ORIENTATION	TOTALS
1	6	29	15	12	62
2	2	24	7	2	35
3	4	52	2	0	58
4	2	11	3	2	18
TOTALS:	14	116	27	16	173

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BASES OF HATE CRIMES BY REGION



Chicago Community Areas



COMMUNITY AREA NAMES

- 1 ROGERS PARK
- 2 WEST RIDGE
- 3 UPTOWN
- 4 LINCOLN SQUARE
- 5 NORTH CENTER
- 6 LAKE VIEW
- 7 LINCOLN PARK
- 8 NEAR NORTH SIDE
- 9 EDISON PARK
- 10 NORWOOD PARK
- 11 JEFFERSON PARK
- 12 FOREST GLEN
- 13 NORTH PARK
- 14 ALBANY PARK
- 15 PORTAGE PARK
- 16 IRVING PARK
- 17 DUNNING
- 18 MONTCLAIRE
- 19 BELMONT CRAGIN
- 20 HERMOSA
- 21 AVONDALE
- 22 LOGAN SQUARE
- 23 HUMBOLDT PARK
- 24 WEST TOWN
- 25 AUSTIN
- 26 WEST GARFIELD PARK
- 27 EAST GARFIELD PARK
- 28 NEAR WEST SIDE
- 29 NORTH LAWNDALE
- 30 SOUTH LAWNDALE
- 31 LOWER WEST SIDE
- 32 LOOP
- 33 NEAR SOUTH SIDE
- 34 ARMOUR SQUARE
- 35 DOUGLAS
- 36 OAKLAND
- 37 FULLER PARK
- 38 GRAND BOULEVARD
- 39 KENWOOD
- 40 WASHINGTON PARK
- 41 HYDE PARK
- 42 WOODLAWN
- 43 SOUTH SHORE
- 44 CHATHAM
- 45 AVALON PARK
- 46 SOUTH CHICAGO
- 47 BURNSIDE
- 48 CALUMET HEIGHTS
- 49 ROSELAND
- 50 FULLMAN
- 51 SOUTH DEERING
- 52 EAST SIDE
- 53 WEST FULLMAN
- 54 RIVERDALE
- 55 KECHEWISCH

- 56 GARFIELD RIDGE
- 57 ARCHER HEIGHTS
- 58 BRIGHTON PARK
- 59 MCKENZIE PARK
- 60 BRIDGEPORT
- 61 NEW CITY
- 62 WEST ELSDON
- 63 GAGE PARK
- 64 CLEARING
- 65 WEST LAWN
- 66 CHICAGO LAWN
- 67 WEST ENGLEWOOD
- 68 ENGLEWOOD
- 69 GREATER GRAND CROSSING
- 70 ASHBURN
- 71 AUBURN GRESHAM
- 72 BEVERLY
- 73 WASHINGTON HEIGHTS
- 74 MOUNT GREENWOOD
- 75 MORGAN PARK
- 76 O'HARE
- 77 EDGEWATER

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HATE CRIMES BY COMMUNITY AREAS

COMMUNITY AREA	NATIONAL ORIGIN	RACE	RELIGION	SEXUAL ORIENT.	TOTALS
1 ROGERS PARK	2	1	0	1	4
2 WEST RIDGE	0	0	7	1	8
3 UPTOWN (310-321)	0	2	0	3	5
4 LINCOLN SQUARE	0	3	0	0	3
6 LAKE VIEW	1	5	0	3	9
7 LINCOLN PARK	0	1	0	1	2
8 NEAR NORTH SIDE	0	5	3	1	9
9 EDISON PARK	0	1	0	0	1
10 NORWOOD PARK	0	2	0	0	2
11 JEFFERSON PARK	0	2	0	0	2
12 FOREST GLEN	0	0	1	0	1
13 NORTH PARK	0	0	4	0	4
14 ALBANY PARK	0	2	0	0	2
15 PORTAGE PARK	1	0	1	0	2
16 IRVING PARK	1	3	0	0	4
17 DUNNING	0	0	2	0	2
19 BELMONT-CRAGIN	0	2	0	0	2
21 AVONDALE	0	0	0	1	1
22 LOGAN SQUARE	1	3	0	0	4
24 WEST TOWN	0	3	1	0	4
25 AUSTIN	0	2	0	0	2
26 WEST GARFIELD PARK	0	2	0	0	2
27 EAST GARFIELD PARK	0	0	0	1	1
28 NEAR WEST SIDE	0	1	0	0	1
30 SOUTH LAWNSDALE	1	2	0	0	3
31 LOWER WEST SIDE	0	1	1	0	2
32 LOOP	0	1	2	0	3
34 ARMOUR SQUARE	1	2	0	0	3
37 FULLER PARK	1	0	0	0	1
38 GRAND BOULEVARD	0	1	0	1	2
39 KENWOOD	0	0	1	0	1
41 HYDE PARK	0	1	1	0	2
42 WOODLAWN	0	1	0	0	1
43 SOUTH SHORE	0	0	1	0	1
44 CHATHAM	0	0	0	1	1
48 CALUMET HEIGHTS	0	1	0	0	1
49 ROSELAND	0	1	0	0	1
51 SOUTH DEERIN	0	1	0	0	1
52 EAST SIDE	0	1	0	0	1
53 WEST PULLMAN	0	2	0	0	2
56 GARFIELD RIDGE	3	4	0	0	7
57 ARCHER HEIGHTS	0	1	0	0	1
58 BRIGHTON PARK	0	3	0	0	3
59 MCKINLEY PARK	0	1	0	0	1
60 BRIDGEPORT	0	6	0	0	6
61 NEW CITY	0	6	0	0	6
62 WEST ELSDON	1	1	0	0	2
63 GAGE PARK	0	1	0	0	1
64 CLEARING	0	1	0	0	1

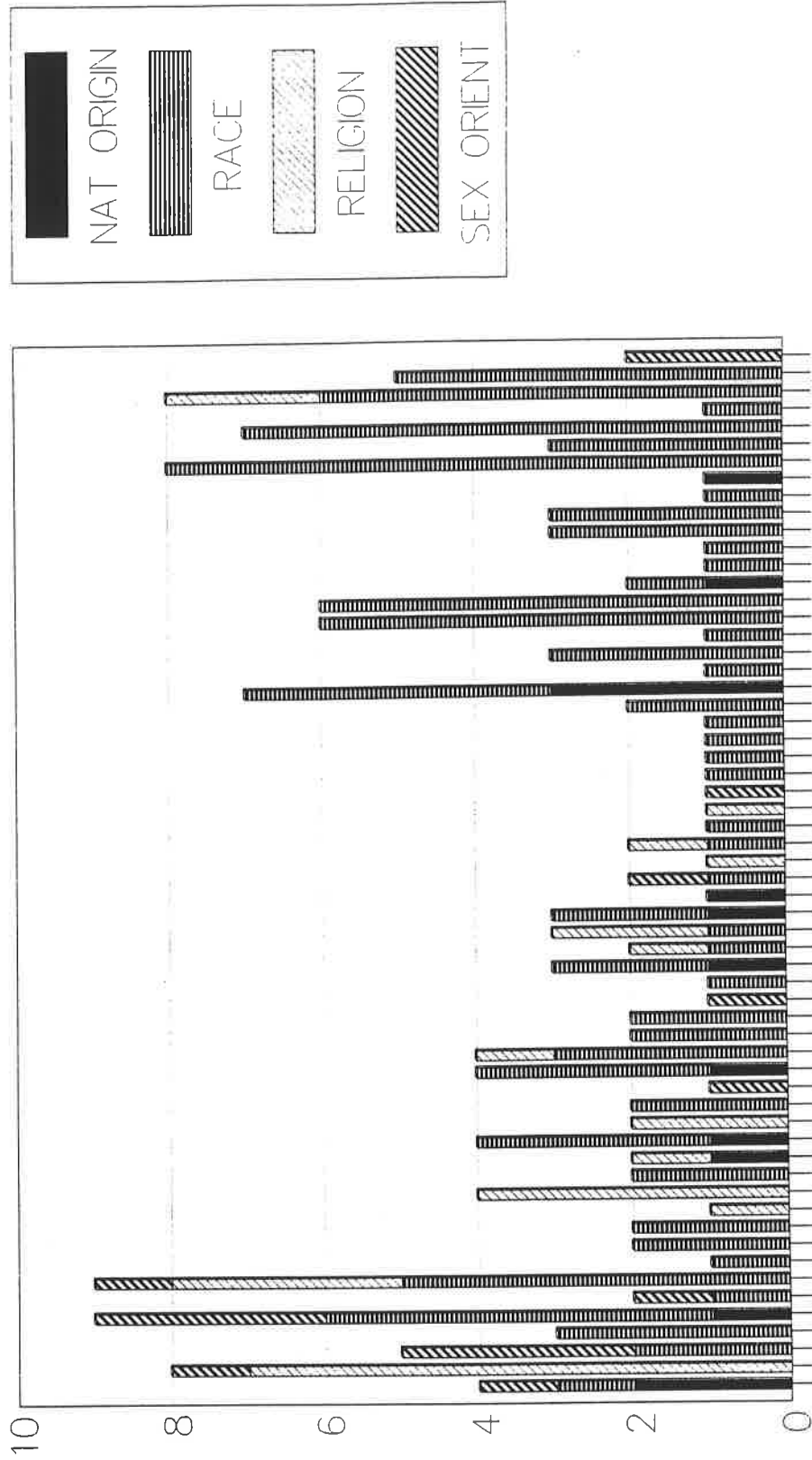
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HATE CRIMES BY COMMUNITY AREAS

COMMUNITY AREA	NATIONAL ORIGIN	RACE	RELIGION	SEXUAL ORIENT.	TOTALS
65 WEST LAWN	0	3	0	0	3
66 CHICAGO LAWN	0	3	0	0	3
68 ENGLEWOOD	0	1	0	0	1
69 GREATER GRAND CROSSING	1	0	0	0	1
70 ASHBURN	0	8	0	0	8
71 AUBURN GRESHAM	0	3	0	0	3
72 BEVERLY	0	7	0	0	7
73 WASHINGTON HEIGHTS	0	1	0	0	1
74 MOUNT GREENWOOD	0	6	2	0	8
75 MORGAN PARK	0	5	0	0	5
77 EDGEWATER (301- 307)	0	0	0	2	2
TOTALS:	14	116	27	16	173

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BASES OF HATE CRIMES BY COMMUNITY AREA



1 3 6 8 10 21 41 61 92 22 52 73 03 23 73 94 24 44 95 25 65 86 06 26 46 66 97 17 37 5
 2 4 7 9 11 31 51 72 12 42 62 83 13 43 84 14 34 85 15 35 59 16 36 56 87 07 27 47 7

Community Area Numbers

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 HATE CRIME OFFENDERS
 LISTED BY AGE GROUP

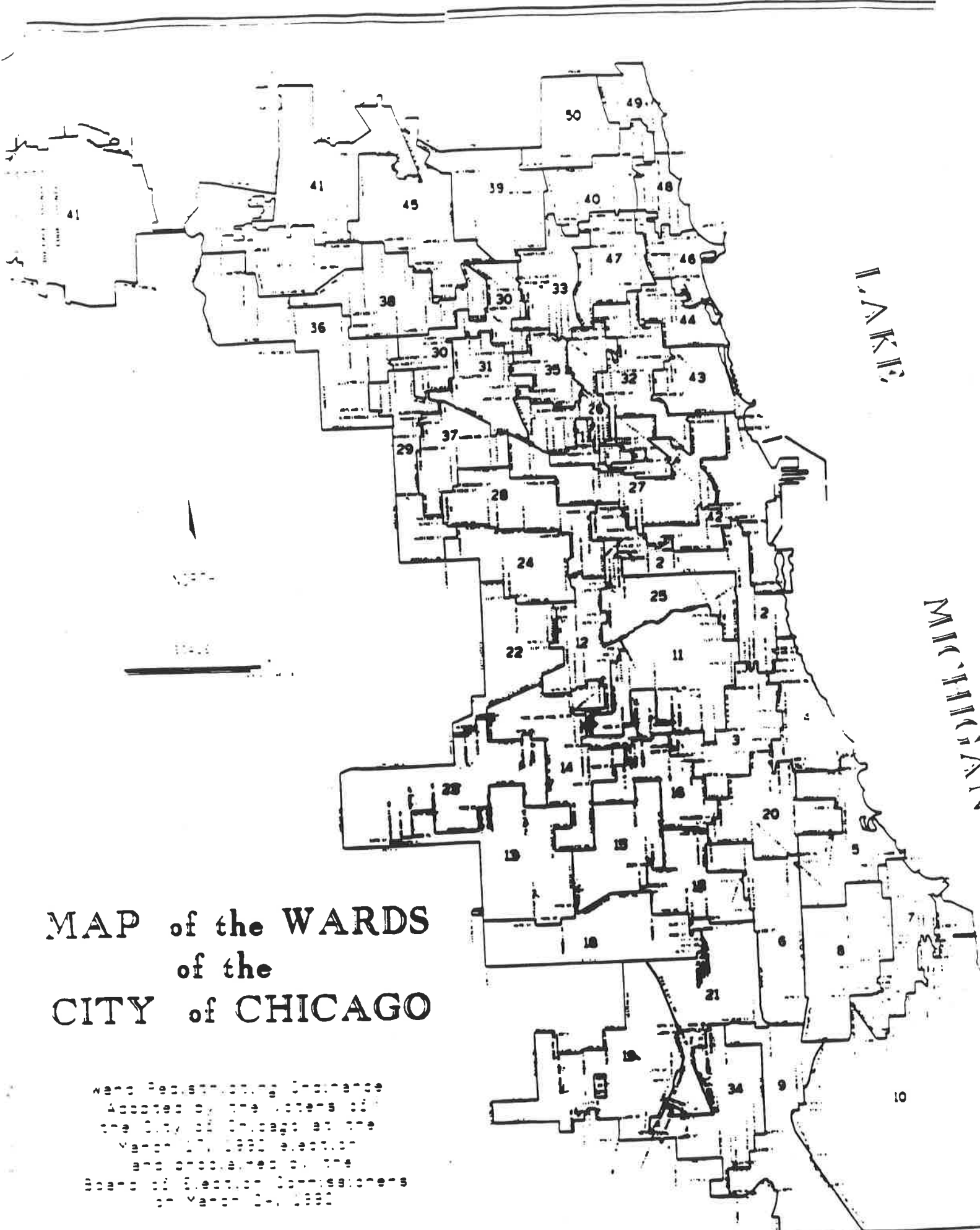
Comm area	<16	<16/17-25	17-25	17-25/26-59	26-59	60 PLUS	UNKNOWN	TOTALS
1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
2	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	8
3	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	5
4	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
6	0	0	1	0	4	0	4	9
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
8	1	0	3	0	3	0	2	9
9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
11	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
13	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
16	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
17	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
19	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
22	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
24	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
25	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
26	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
27	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
28	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
30	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
31	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
32	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
34	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
37	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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HATE CRIME OFFENDERS
LISTED BY AGE GROUP

Comm area	<16	<16/17-25	17-25	17-25/26-59	26-59	60 PLUS	UNKNOWN	TOTALS
38	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
39	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
41	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
42	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
43	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
44	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
48	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
49	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
51	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
52	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
53	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
56	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	7
57	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
58	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
59	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
60	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	6
61	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	6
62	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
63	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
64	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
65	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
66	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
68	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
69	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
70	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	8
71	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
72	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	7
73	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
74	0	0	2	0	1	0	5	8

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HATE CRIME OFFENDERS
LISTED BY AGE GROUP

Comm area	<16	<16/17-25	17-25	17-25/26-59	26-59	60 PLUS	UNKNOWN	TOTALS
75	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	5
77	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
TOTALS:	15	7	35	1	37	2	76	173



**MAP of the WARDS
of the
CITY of CHICAGO**

Ward Reorganization Ordinance
 Adopted by the voters of
 the City of Chicago at the
 Ward Reorganization election
 and approved by the
 Board of Election Commissioners
 on March 22, 1992

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HATE CRIMES BY WARD NUMBER

WARD #	NATIONAL ORIGIN	RACE	RELIGION	SEXUAL ORIENTATION	TOTALS
1	0	2	0	0	2
2	0	1	1	0	2
3	0	3	0	1	4
4	0	2	2	0	4
5	0	0	1	0	1
8	0	1	0	1	2
9	0	1	0	0	1
10	0	2	0	0	2
11	1	11	0	0	12
12	0	3	0	0	3
13	0	5	0	0	5
14	0	1	0	0	1
15	0	5	0	0	5
16	0	3	0	0	3
18	0	9	0	0	9
19	0	18	2	0	20
20	1	1	0	0	2
21	0	1	0	0	1
22	0	1	0	0	1
23	4	3	0	0	7
24	1	1	0	0	2
25	1	3	0	0	4
26	0	2	0	0	2
27	0	2	0	0	2
28	0	1	0	1	2
30	2	1	0	0	3
32	1	3	1	0	5
33	0	4	0	1	5
34	0	3	0	0	3
35	0	1	0	0	1
36	0	2	1	0	3
38	0	0	2	0	2
39	0	1	4	0	5
41	0	2	0	0	2
42	0	3	5	1	9
43	0	2	0	1	3
44	0	3	0	3	6
45	0	3	1	0	4
46	1	2	0	1	4
47	0	2	0	1	3
48	0	1	0	3	4
49	2	1	1	1	5
50	0	0	6	1	7
TOTALS:	14	116	27	16	173

The number of occurrences per Ward are based upon the Ward Map created by the Ward Redistricting Ordinance adopted by the voters of the City of Chicago at the March 17, 1992 election and proclaimed by the Board of Election Commissioners on March 24, 1992

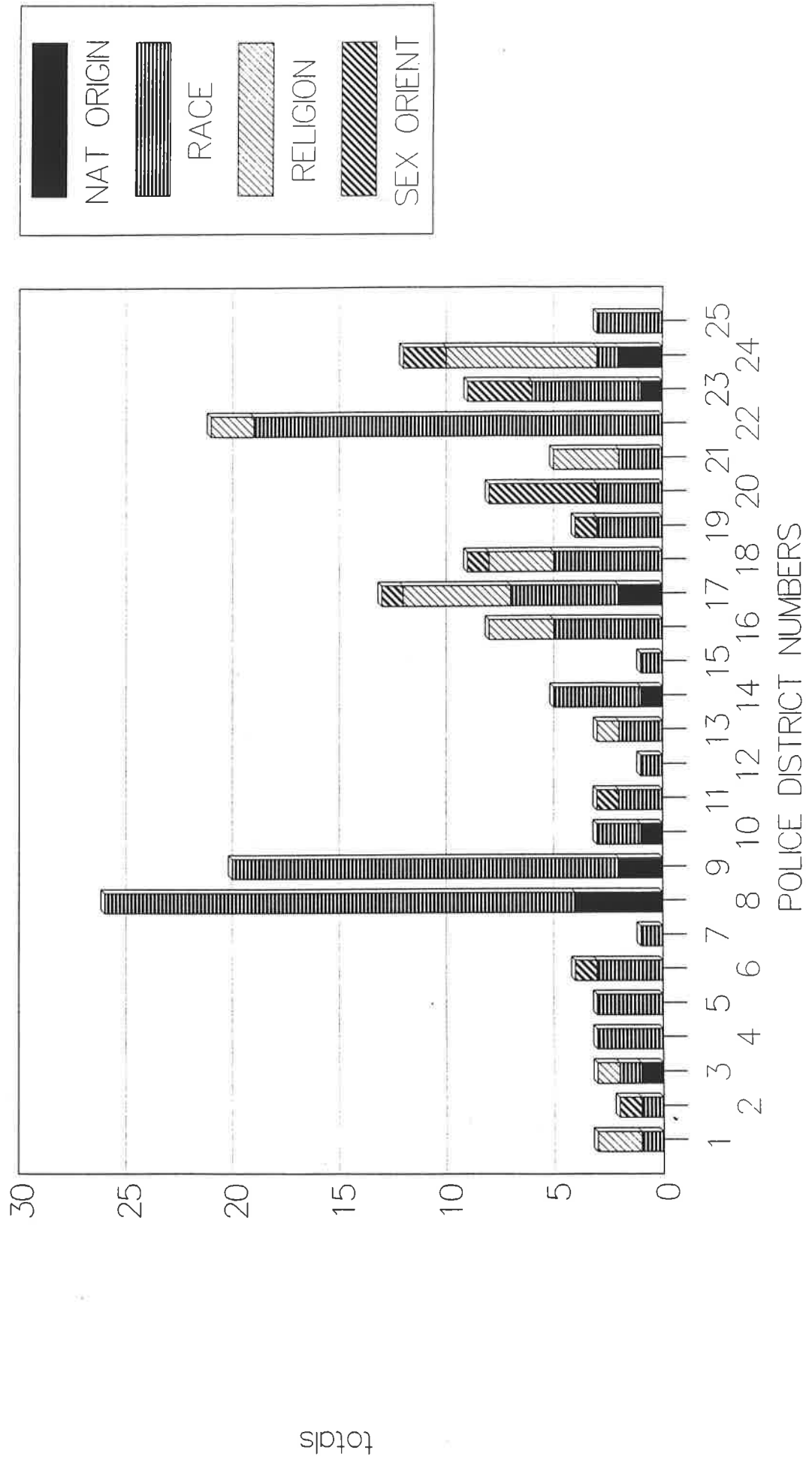
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HATE CRIMES BY POLICE DISTRICT

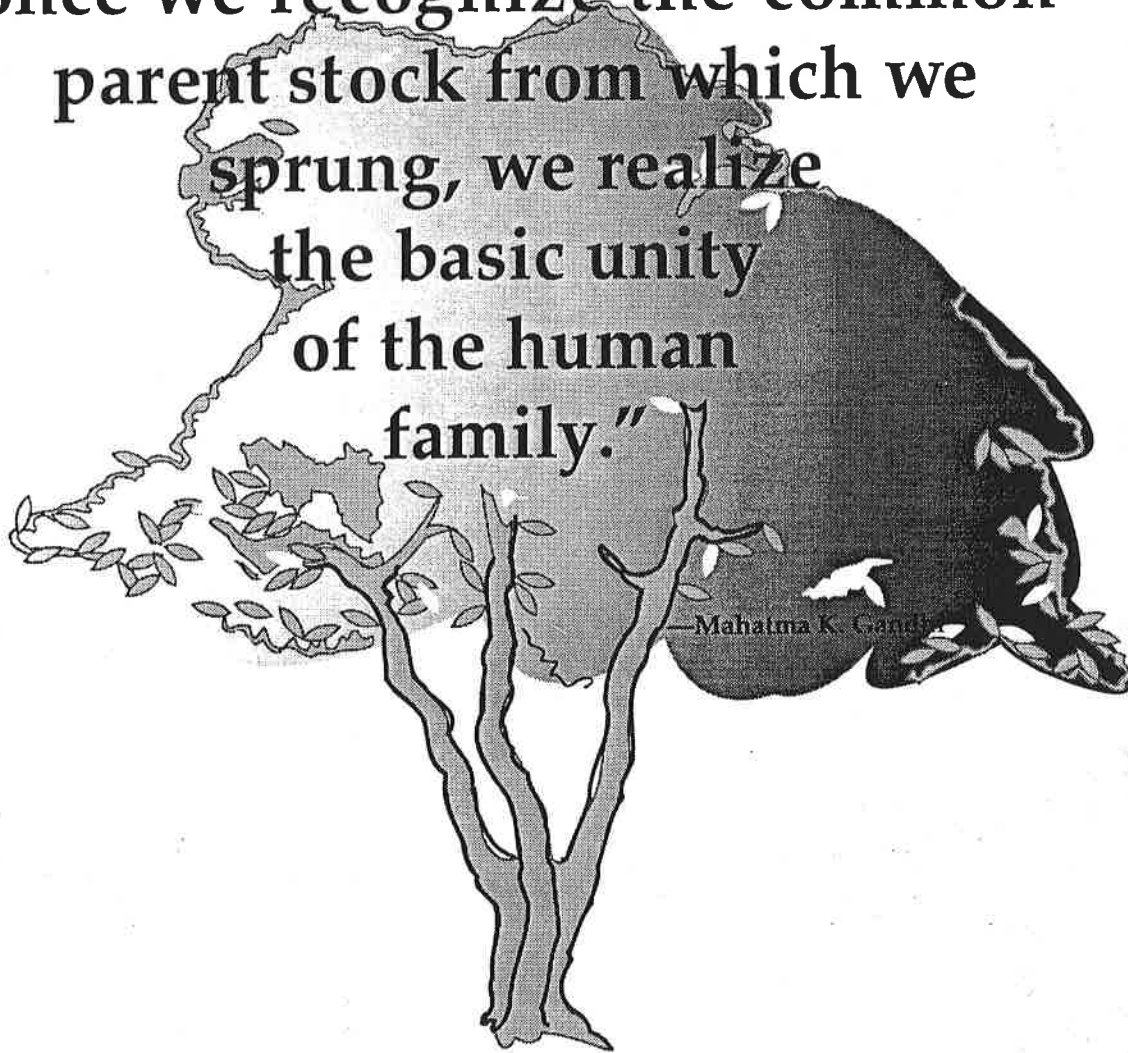
Police District	NATIONAL ORIGIN	RACE	RELIGION	SEXUAL ORIENTATION	TOTALS
1	0	1	2	0	3
2	0	1	0	1	2
3	1	1	1	0	3
4	0	3	0	0	3
5	0	3	0	0	3
6	0	3	0	1	4
7	0	1	0	0	1
8	4	22	0	0	26
9	2	18	0	0	20
10	1	2	0	0	3
11	0	2	0	1	3
12	0	1	0	0	1
13	0	2	1	0	3
14	1	4	0	0	5
15	0	1	0	0	1
16	0	5	3	0	8
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20	0	3	0	5	8
21	0	2	3	0	5
22	0	19	2	0	21
23	1	5	0	3	9
24	2	1	7	2	12
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TOTALS:	14	116	27	16	173

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“The different races of mankind are like different branches of a tree—once we recognize the common parent stock from which we sprung, we realize the basic unity of the human family.”



—Mahatma K. Gandhi

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