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RE: Division of Civil Rights & Public Trust Annual Hate Crime Report

Members of the Delaware General Assembly:

In accordance with 11 Del. C. § 1308(c), the Department of Justice's Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust shall post on the Division's website annually the number and nature of hate crime violations in Delaware. This report includes information for the periods of January 2022 to December 2023.¹

In Calendar Year 2022, 29 hate crime incidents were reported to Delaware law enforcement. Of those, 20 occurred in New Castle County; 6 occurred in Kent County; and 3 occurred in Sussex County. The leading form of bias exhibited in these offenses was anti-Black (13), followed by antisemitic (10), anti-LGBTQ (2), anti-Hispanic (1), anti-white (1), anti-Asian (1), and anti-Muslim (1).

In 2023, 28 hate crime incidents were reported to Delaware law enforcement. Of those, 19 occurred in New Castle County; 2 occurred in Kent County; and 7 occurred in Sussex County. The leading form of bias exhibited was anti-Black (16), followed by antisemitic (9), anti-Hispanic (2), and anti-ethnic, specifically German (1).

Any victim or witness to a hate crime should call 911 immediately and report it to local law enforcement, taking note of the incident location, identifying physical features of people involved (clothing, tattoos, license plate, etc.), and asking the officer to note it in the police report. Hate crimes should also be reported to DCRPT at (302) 577-5400, publictrust@delaware.gov, or de.gov/publictrust.

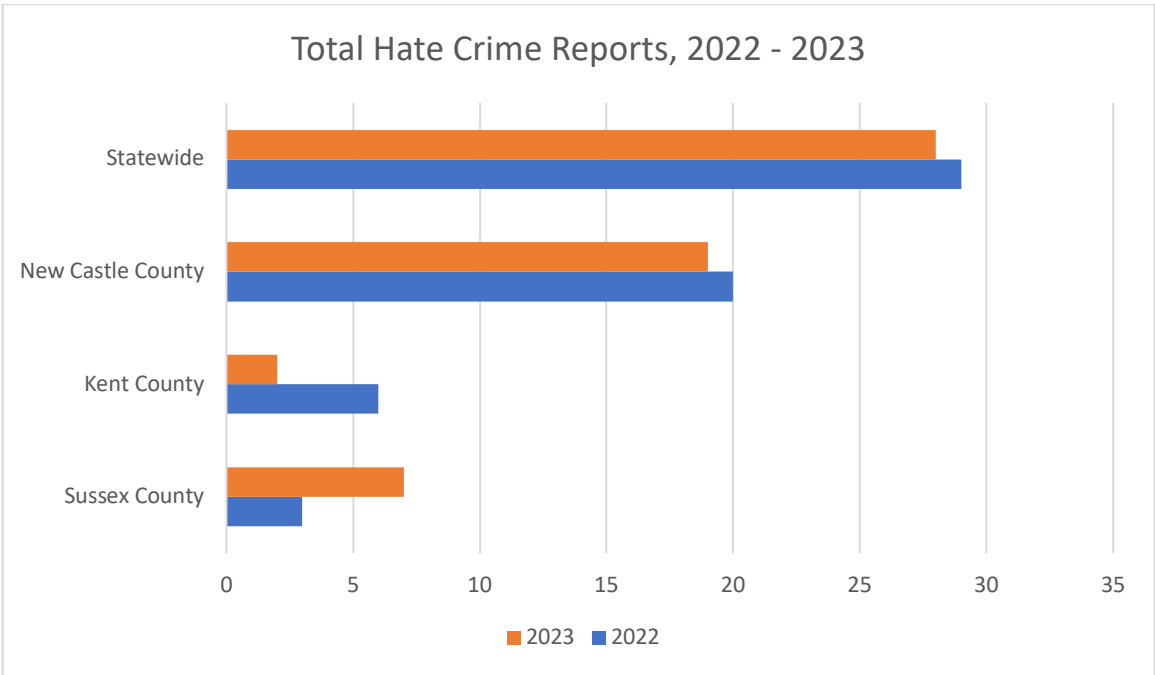
Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel McBride

Daniel McBride
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¹ The effective date of 11 Del. C. § 1308(c) was October 21, 2022.

Total Hate Crime Reports, 2022 - 2023



Nature of Bias in Reported Hate Crimes, 2022 - 2023

