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SECTION INSPECTION**

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PURPOSE

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted an inspection of the firearms at the Central Property Section (CPS) property room on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. The purpose of the inspection was to determine if the firearms booked as property were physically on hand during the inspection and, conversely, if the firearms physically on hand had been booked as property.

BACKGROUND

The CPS property room is located in the basement of the Metropolitan Detention Center on Los Angeles Street. The CPS property room is a locked facility with a CPS employee available to grant entry to visitors during normal operating hours. A surveillance camera monitors the property room entrance. Within the property room, firearms are secured in a locked, windowless, caged area accessed by a cut key. The cut key is maintained at the watch commander's desk and is available to all property officers.

Procedurally, a property officer booking a firearm ensures that the weapon is not loaded and verifies that the description of the firearm, including its serial number, is accurately written on the Firearms Supplemental Property Report. Property officers then record key information, such as the serial number, manufacture, model and caliber of the firearm into the Automated Property Information Management System (APIMS). Subsequently, each handgun is placed in a sealed and labeled envelope which is stored in a numbered bin. Each long gun (rifle, shotgun, or assault weapon) is tagged and placed on a shelf in a numbered rack. Property Division supervisors advised that firearms on hand are generally destroyed after 180 days unless held for specific evidentiary value or legally retrieved by their owners.

INSPECTION PROCEDURES

Property Division supervisors provided a real-time report from APIMS listing all 4,927 handguns and 2,005 long guns on hand in the CPS property room at the start of the inspection.

The OIG randomly selected 30 handguns and 30 long guns from the APIMS report as its sample to verify that the 60 weapons were physically on hand in the property room.

From the weapons physically located in the property room, the OIG randomly selected a sample of 20 handguns and 20 long guns to verify that all 40 weapons had been booked and were accurately described in the APIMS report.

RESULTS

Based on its review, the OIG verified that all 60 weapons described in the APIMS report were stored inside the property room and all 40 weapons stored in the property room were properly recorded in APIMS.