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## DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL POLICE SERVICES

JOHN GLASCOTT  
COMMISSIONER

December 1, 2014

Dear Erie County Legislature,

In response to the adopted resolution submitted by Legislator Grant on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014, Central Police Services has utilized federal NCIC guidelines that have been adopted by New York State DCJS to identify racial characteristics.

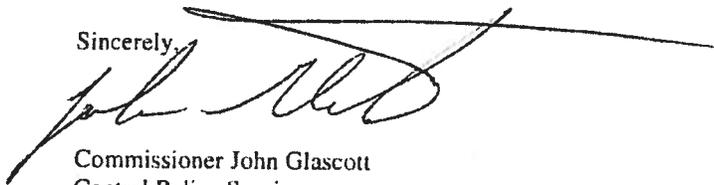
Our drop down boxes give users an opportunity to choose between American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, Black, White, Other or Unknown in the race field when creating a report.

We have conducted a word search in the narrative portion of police reports for the term Negro and find no incident post 1990 that contain the term other than when used by a victim, witness, or complainant as a quote.

I have also sent an e-mail containing an attachment of the resolution to all members of the Erie County Chiefs of Police Association so as to inform them of the concerns of the Legislators as it pertains to the use of "modernized racial terminology".

Rest assured that Erie County Central Police Services remains sensitive to the concerns of all citizens of Erie County. We will always strive to adhere to Federal Guidelines, and socially acceptable norms.

Sincerely,



Commissioner John Glascott  
Central Police Services