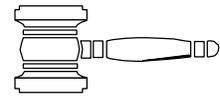




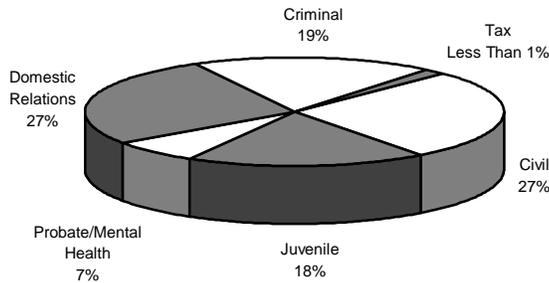
MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE SYSTEM

ACTIVITIES REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 1997



Maricopa County Superior Court Total Case Filings by Department January - December 1997



Court Department	1995	1996	1997
Civil	28,591	28,880	31,158
Criminal	16,912	19,203	21,191
Domestic Relations	30,501	30,097	30,962
Probate/Mental Health	6,290	7,871	7,877
Juvenile	14,481	18,094	21,104*
Tax Court	3,831	2,883	1,893
Totals**	100,606	107,028	114,185

* Estimate
 **Above totals do not include filings for subsequent proceedings which occur in the case number, i.e., post judgment debtor examinations, post conviction relief filings, domestic relations modification/enforcement or probate annual and other periodic orders.

ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Welcome to the Activities Report for the justice and law enforcement entities of Maricopa County. Each department provides the following to communicate the magnitude of their contribution to the county justice system. The focus for this edition is to review calendar year 1997 data. We want the Report to be valuable to all readers, so please offers suggestions to department representatives.

CLERK OF THE COURT

Dave Forde

JANUARY - DECEMBER 1997

NEW CASES INITIATED

Civil	32,625
Domestic Relations	29,560
Criminal	21,291
Probate and Mental Health	6,676
Appeals Filed	1,193

SUBSEQUENT CASE DOCUMENTS

Civil	464,426
Domestic Relations	587,234
Criminal	443,419
Probate and Mental Health	108,596

JUVENILE PETITIONS

Delinquency	15,587
Dependency	1,333
Adoption	700
Severance	629
Adoption Certificates	660

OTHER WORKLOAD INDICATORS

# of Marriage Licenses Issued	15,168
# of Passports Issued	31,364
# of Notary Bonds Apps Processed	11,805
# of Documents Docketed	2,063,755

DID YOU KNOW?

# of Images Microfilmed	5,067,102
# of Exhibits Processed	75,895
# and \$ Amount of Child Support Payments Processed	\$210,502,297
# and \$ Amount of Restitutions, Fines and Reimbursements Payments Processed	\$5,035,696
# of Minute Entries Distributed	5,464,403

CORRECTIONAL HEALTH

Kirstin Wolfe

ENCOUNTERS

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>%Change</u>
Medical	44,797	44,729	-1%
Nursing	133,158	153,657	+15%
Psychiatry	8,312	11,672	+40%
Counseling	7,438	11,235	+51%
Dental	4,538	4,880	+1%
Medical Requests	69,335	90,093	+30%
Prescriptions	111,502	138,899	+25%
X-rays	3,222	5,049	+57%



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Linda Christophel

JANUARY - DECEMBER 1997

District deputies began writing departmental reports on 120 laptop computers supplied by a grant through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), U.S. Department of Justice. A special software application was developed for the Enforcement Bureau allowing officers to remain in the community to complete reports.

Bookings:	% of Total	Total
Local Police Agencies	81.9%	95,984
Federal Agencies	.8%	896
County Agencies	4.0%	4,717
Ariz. State Agencies	.2%	267
All Other	.5%	485
Self Surrenders:	<u>12.6%</u>	<u>14,796</u>
City Court		9,935
Justice Court		2,517
Superior Court		2,344
Total	100%	117,145

Average Daily Inmate Population by Category:

Felony	76.0%	4,918
Misdemeanor	15.4%	994
Agency Hold	8.2%	531
Misc.	.4%	<u>29</u>
Total		6,472

Inmate Population High Count:

October 4, 1997 7,134

Average Length of Stay: 20.94 Days

Total Prisoners Transported:

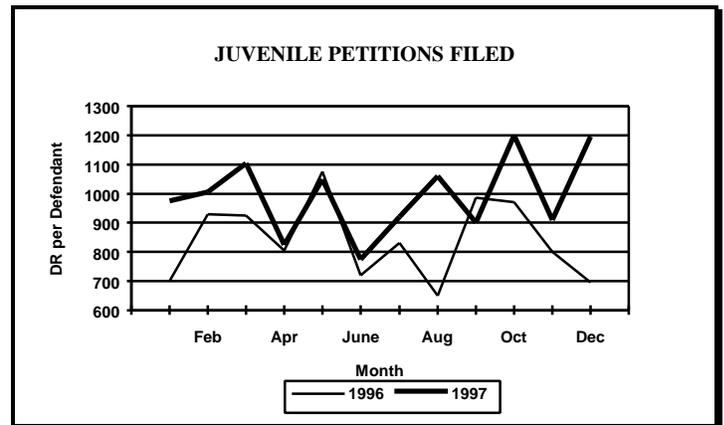
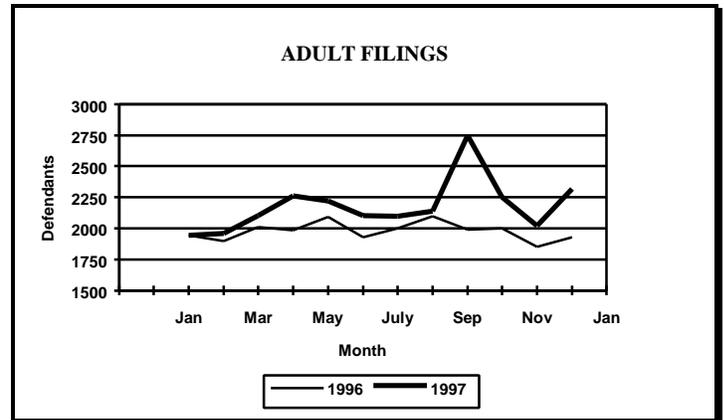
Superior Court	68,198
Justice Courts	19,929
Interfacility	<u>365,520</u>
Total	453,647

Total Bonds/Fines Processed	\$12,335,644
Total Canteen Sales	\$3,306,734
Total # Meals Served	8,978,344
# of Warrants Received	47,749
# Civil Process Received	43,699
# Subpoenas Served	18,032
# Tax Bills Collected	22,341
\$ Tax Bills Collected	\$11,918,709
Domestic Violence Orders Received	17,617
Total # Posse Members	2,990
Total # Reserve Officers	177

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Carol McFadden

CASE FILINGS AS OF DECEMBER 1997



While the number of cases filed fluctuates from month to month, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office continues to see an increase in the number of cases filed:

- The number of felony cases filed against adult offenders increased 10.2% in 1997 over 1996;
- The number of delinquency petitions filed against juvenile offenders increased 17.7% in 1997 as compared to 1996.

In 1997, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office initiated several new programs:

- In July, the Office implemented a case processing delay reduction policy called the Plea Cut-Off Policy. By December, the Criminal Trial Division experienced a significant increase in the number of criminal cases reaching disposition - resulting in a 24% reduction in the Superior Court caseloads.
- In October, the Office hosted a half-day seminar attended by over 200 criminal justice professionals, to introduce the Maricopa County Family Violence Protocol. The Protocol became effective on January 1, 1998.



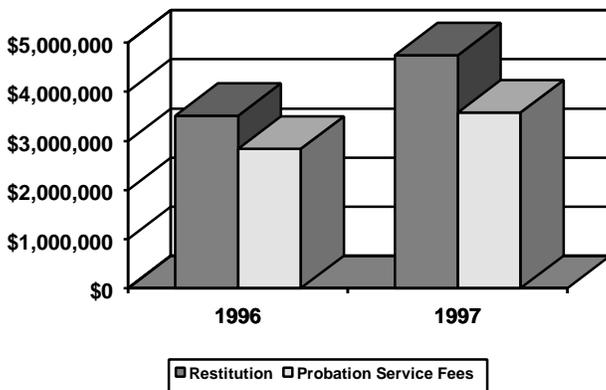
ADULT PROBATION

Mark Hendershot

IMPACTING COLLECTIONS

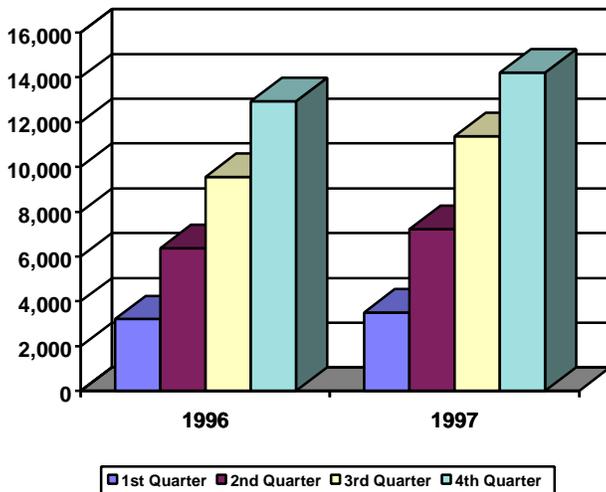
The Adult Probation Department has continued to make collection of court ordered monetary obligations a priority, with results showing success. New strategies have increased the collection of restitution by 35% compared to 1996 totals and improved probation service fee collection to 26%. The Department continues to explore new approaches to collections and expects further success in 1998.

Restitution and PSF Collection Comparison



10% INCREASE IN PRESENTENCE REPORTS

The Presentence Division continues to reel from the growth felt system-wide in criminal cases. While annual growth in orders for Presentence reports had previously averaged 7%, 1997 increased a full 10%. Third Quarter growth was phenomenal with a 30% increase above the same quarter in 1996.



JUSTICE COURTS

Bonnie Dicus

1997 HIGHLIGHTS

- New Justice Court precinct boundary changes became effective January 1, 1997. Because of workload shifts, resources had to be realigned to compensate for changes in filings.
- Two newly elected Justices of the Peace assumed the bench: Andrew Gastelum in Maryvale, and Lester Pearce in North Mesa.
- The newly appointed administrator, Jeffrey Huss, began work January 1. Dave Davis was also appointed as the new Automation Director.
- Work began on system wide policy and procedure manuals.
- The Fines Management automated system was integrated with the Justice Court automated system, eliminating duplicate data entry while providing the court a more comprehensive defendant record.
- The Fines Management program received a state Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund grant to conduct a pilot project involving a warrant sweep for those defendants who had a warrant for failure to pay their fines. Five courts volunteered to participate in the project. Both Maricopa County Deputy Sheriffs and Constables were involved.
- Two additional courts enlisted security coverage during this period, bringing the total number of courts with guards to six courts in five locations.
- Two innovative sentencing programs began during the year, in attempt to intervene and change behavior for defendants found guilty in domestic violence or DUI cases.
- Justice Court Automation was awarded grants: one to install a new network, allowing migration to a networked PC environment, yielding a technologically integrated court system; the other, a pilot for document imaging management.

COMPARISON OF CASE FILINGS

	1996	1997	% CHANGE
Civil	16,724	17,077	2%
Small Claims	18,258	18,847	3%
Forcible Detainer	47,871	50,888	6%
Felony	21,429	22,618	5%
Misdemeanor	19,306	20,913	8%
Criminal Traffic	28,774	26,305	-9%
Civil Traffic	174,871	160,881	-9%
Domestic Violence	5,038	5,635	11%
Harassment	4,362	4,910	11%

JUSTICE COURT FINES MANAGEMENT COLLECTIONS

	1996	1997	% CHANGE
Cases Worked	24,019	22,920	-5%
Collected	\$6,195,089	\$7,034,534	12%



JUVENILE COURT

Gary Graham

PROBATION SERVICES

The Arizona Supreme Court funded an additional 31 probation officer positions this quarter that will allow the Probation Department to comply with the caseload ratio requirements, 35 cases per one probation officer.

PETITIONS FILED WITH JUVENILE COURT

The following reflects the number of petitions filed in the Juvenile Court from January through December 1997:

Delinquency	15,951
Dependency	1,357
Severance	507
Adoption	<u>781</u>
Total Filed	18,596

STRETCHING 277 DETENTION BEDS

Lack of space in detention continues to create a challenge in the Juvenile Court Center. The graph below illustrates that 'requests' for detention of juveniles has increased in the first 6 months of 1997 compared to the same time frame in 1996. Additionally, the next column illustrates the number of juveniles physically detained in 1997. In every case the number of youth detained is less than the number of requests that were received. Although the most serious juvenile offenders will always be detained, the far right column indicates the Court is unable to detain every juvenile who is recommended for detainment because of a lack of space.

Monies have been allocated to relieve some of the chronic overcrowded conditions in detention. \$1.7 million is allocated to add 40 beds to the Durango Detention Center. An additional \$1.3 million has been allocated by the State, which will increase the expansion to 80 beds. The project is expected to be completed in 18 months. This addition will not solve the overcrowded conditions in the detention centers, but will offer some short-term relief.

	Requests to Detain Individuals		Juveniles Actually Detained	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
January	987	949	867	855
February	968	935	844	933
March	1,087	1,035	951	906
April	936	1,065	802	898
May	941	1,049	802	898
June	880	942	779	821
July	882	985	782	858
August	938	1,035	838	919
September	957	1,063	825	916
October	1,027	1,087	879	956
November	956	999	841	871
December	904	971	798	859
Totals	11,463	12,115	9,992	10,648

INDIGENT REPRESENTATION

Diane Terribile

ADJUSTED GROSS ASSIGNMENTS JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 1997

LEGAL DEFENDER

Homicides*	47
Specified Crimes Against Children ² *	21
Other Felonies*	1,614
Probation Revocations ³ *	74
Misdemeanors ³ *	45

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Homicides*	141
SCAC's* (Specified Crimes Against Children)	254
Other Felonies*	20,807
Probation Revocations*	7,949
Misdemeanors*	4,435
Delinquencies**	9,834.5
Juvenile Appeals***	36
Appeals***	434
Post-Conviction Reliefs****	223
Appeal/Post-Conviction Reliefs****	690
Mental Health*****	1,482

OFFICE OF COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL

Major Felonies	118
2nd Chair Death Penalty	1
Sexual Predators	12
Felonies	3,262
Delinquencies	3,845
Appeals	53
Post-Conviction Reliefs	309

* Gross Assignments have been adjusted and do not include cases in which no complaint was filed. No credit is taken for any assignments which resulted in a withdrawal due to conflict or the retention of private counsel, if that withdrawal occurred at the Justice Court level. No credit taken for cases from which the office withdrew citing excessive workload.

** In addition to deductions to gross assignments stated above, Report and Review assignments in Juvenile are counted as only one-half case.

*** PCR's and Appeal/PCR's are counted by CR# rather than by # of petitions. Deductions were made for withdrawals due to the retention of private counsel or conflict of interest. Additionally, no credit is taken for cases withdrawn due to excessive workloads.

**** No deductions are made from gross assignments.



SUPERIOR COURT

Janet Cornell

CRIMINAL CASE MANAGEMENT IN 1997

- The use of **Settlement Conferences** for criminal cases was implemented in February 1997, intended to speed case processing and conclude cases without costly and time consuming trials.
- Expedited Case Processing for **Justice Court Bindovers** continues, with a special process to speed paperwork processing and calendaring of Superior Court arraignment proceedings. Results include decreases in time from preliminary hearing to arraignment, down from 18 days to 9 days per case.
- Specialized Calendars** have been created and utilized in criminal case processing - including special plea and sentencing calendars. Results have allowed cases to be diverted from Superior Court judges to court commissioners to expedite hearing times and increase time in trial.
- The Criminal Department has **increased the publication and use of statistical analyses** of cases and case processing. Included was a "Reverse Telescope Study" which evaluated stages at which criminal cases were disposed, assessed reasons for delay and determined how the disposition type affects length of stay.
- Bond Forfeiture** efforts continued via the bond forfeiture calendar, whereby calendar and monitoring processes capture bail jumpers and collect bond money. Program results have included increased revenue to the general fund, decreased number of bench warrants, and increased system coordination of this caseload.

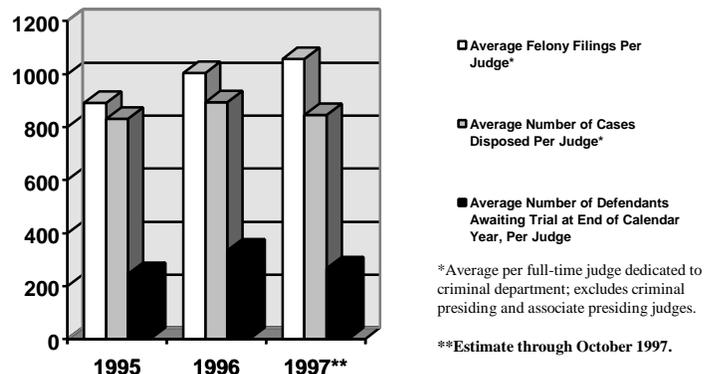
FELONY AND OTHER STATISTICS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>96-97</u> <u>% chg</u>
Defendants IA'd	59,220	57,048	62,041	+9%
IA Felonies Heard*	34,654	32,885	37,019	+13%
PreTrial, Pre-IA Interviews	56,259*	54,196*	48,274*	N/A
Felony Filings	16,862	19,024	21,110	+11%
Jury Trials	552	602	824**	N/A
Post-Conviction Reliefs Filed	1,377	1,219	1,243**	N/A
Bonds Forfeited	----	\$1,487,656	\$1,707,267	+15%
Bonds Collected	\$1,020,185	\$1,246,223	\$2,092,846	+68%
Forensics Prescreens	546	405	514	+27%
Rule 11 Exams Ordered	275	243	271	+12%
Lower Court Appeals Civil and Criminal	1,259	1,424	1,573	+10%

* In 1995 and 1996 "Total Defendants Interviewed by PSA" was estimated and calculated at 95% of "Total Defendants IA'd". In January and February 1997 "Total Defendants Interviewed by PSA" was calculated at 80% and beginning in March 1997 Technical Support began counting actual PSA interviews.

** Estimate based on numbers through November 1997.

CRIMINAL CASELOADS PER JUDGE*



OFFICE OF THE COURT INTERPRETER

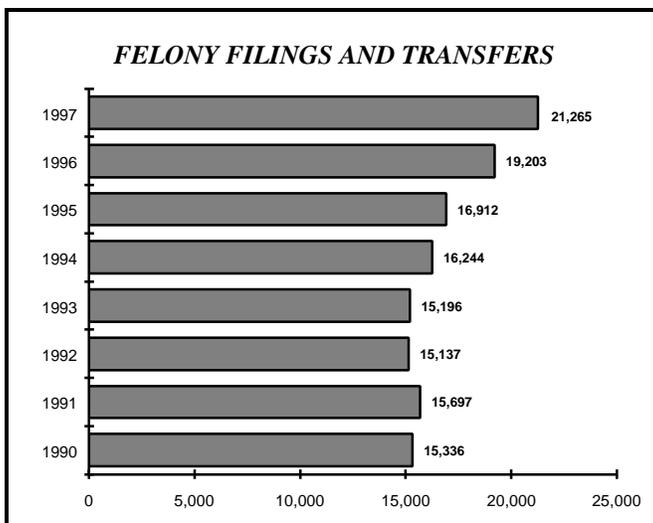
	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>96-97</u> <u>% chg</u>
# of Appointments	2,405	3,118	4,994	+60%
Criminal	1,648	2,137	3,216	+50%
Juvenile	757	981	1,778	+81%
# of Court Appearances	n/a	22,034	30,625	+39%
Adult	n/a	18,229	26,617	+46%
Juvenile	n/a	3,805	4,008	+5%

Information provided by MaryLow Strehle and Carol Brown

ORDERS OF PROTECTION

<u>Type of Matter</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>% chg</u>
OP Hearing Requested	1,221	1,297	+6%
OP Hearing Commenced	945	1,087	+15%
OP's Issues	2,952	3,005	+2%
OP's Denied	313	267	-15%
Emergency Orders Issued	314	333	+6%

Information provided by Carla Boatner





JUSTICE SYSTEM NEWS

In past editions of the Activities Report, it was noted that the Board of Supervisors established a nine members Citizens Advisory Committee on Jail Planning. Members completed their charge in December of 1997, which was to explore and recommend options to the Board dealing with overcrowded adult jail and juvenile detention facilities. A team of national experts was hired to assist the Committee in reviewing present circumstances and recommending future actions.

They conducted more than 100 interviews, assessed data and operations, audited conditions of facilities, assessed projected future demand and recommended actions for the criminal justice system as a whole, for the next 15 years.

Findings by the Experts on the Juvenile System

- The two current facilities were designed to hold 277 children, and consistently hold 350.
- Between 1991 and 1996 there was a 40% increase in home detention and secure detention; a 47% increase in the number of juveniles on probation; and drug offenses were up 61%.
- Admission rates are on average with the rest of the country and costs are well below the average.

Committee Recommendations for the Juvenile System

- Divert 150 youth from detention to community based programs: expand home detention, day reporting, intensive probation, electronic monitoring, drug treatment, Implement school based boot camp, drug court, pilot programs geared toward target population (i.e. truants, girls, family violence).
- Construct 500 additional detention beds and more courts (add facilities to current operations at Durango and Southeast complexes).
- Provide 48 residential treatment beds (either in community or as a County program).

Findings by the Experts on the Adult System

- System was designed to hold 5,300 inmates and regularly holds up to 7,000 - in October an all-time high of 7,134 was reached.
- Federal lawsuit Hart v. Hill (MCSO) requires a lessening of jail overcrowding.
- Maricopa detention costs are 60% lower than comparison counties.
- Facilities are presently understaffed by \$4.6 million.
- Public policy options will help drive down the number of additional beds needed.

Committee Recommendations for the Adult System

- Construct two new jails for 5,507 additional beds: a 1,251 bed facility downtown with new intake and courts; a 4,256 bed complex at Durango with central support services (some are beds to replace antiquated County facilities).
- Deal with the increase in drug offenses: enhance substance abuse evaluation and programming; add a pretrial Drug Court
- Improve criminal case flow: integrate computer systems; multi-track cases; eliminate proceedings and transporting inmates to Justice Courts; move 5 criminal divisions downtown from Southeast.
- Reduce the number of in-custody pretrial offenders where there is a reasonable risk (by increasing Pretrial Services staffing to supervise the defendants)

- Phase-out older jails: re-use First Ave as a transport hub; replace tent housing in 10 years.

Total Costs and Recommended Fund Source

- Phase I - \$474 million; Phase II - \$375 million; Phase III - \$630 million. Total additional costs of \$1.47 billion over 15 years (15 year cost of current operations - \$1.5 billion).
- The Citizens Advisory Committee recommended a sales tax not to exceed 1/3 cent, use of short-term financing, and reducing the sales tax after construction to fund operations and maintenance (requires Legislative and voter approval).

The Board of Supervisors accepted the report of the Citizens Advisory Committee and on December 17, 1997, took action to seek legislative authority to implement the recommendations. Their request is to allow a public vote on up to a third of a cent sales tax to fund a portion or all of the facility and system recommendations, and/or bonding to fund a portion of the needs (capital) without raising real property tax rates. The Board also approved proceeding with professional programming services for the facilities recommended by the Committee.

As can be seen, there are a number of recommended changes within the criminal justice system that the national experts advised would help speed case processing and reduce unnecessary time in jail. Several of the recommendations are already under way by Departments. Others will follow next fiscal year, while some require substantive investments which would be targeted for funding through the voter-approved (if approved) source.

As of this printing, House and Senate Leaders have agreed to legislation that places the issue before the Maricopa County voters with amended financing terms. The funding stream would be limited to 9 years (rather than the original 15 years) producing \$900 million (not \$1.5 billion), with the sales tax authority capped at one-fifth of a cent. Efforts are underway to determine how to modify the implementation plan due to the reduced finances that would be available with a successful public vote.

The Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee, attorney Tom Irvine, urged the Board and lawmakers to move expediently since the jail populations are reaching crisis proportions, and public safety will be challenged if major facilities are not built quickly.



MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE SYSTEM ACTIVITIES REPORT

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