

## THE DISPUTE

Four unincorporated islands are the subject of a lawsuit brought by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, which represents a dozen local residents who argue that residents in these areas, who are mostly Latino, receive substandard services from government agencies, including inferior police protection.



## THE PLAINTIFFS' ARGUMENT

Delayed responses in Latino neighborhoods are caused by the time it takes before a dispatcher sends a deputy to a crime scene. This chart shows the dispatch time for priority one calls, which are crimes in progress that pose a danger to life or property, with response times in minutes.

	Before the lawsuit is filed Jan. 1, 2002 – Aug. 17, 2004	After the lawsuit is filed Aug. 18, 2004 – Dec. 31, 2006
<b>Plaintiff neighborhoods</b>	18.87 (1,532 incidents)	13.29 (597 incidents)
<b>All other county areas</b> (minus plaintiff neighborhoods)	15.21 (13,216 incidents)	11.49 (6,081 incidents)
<b>Del Rio neighborhood</b>	6.62 (84 incidents)	3.03 (46 incidents)

Source: Analysis of sheriff's data by Professor James H. Johnson Jr., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Priority 1:** Any crime in progress where there is a danger to life or property, such as a fight with weapons or a robbery in progress

**Priority 2:** Any crime where there is no immediate danger, such as a fistfight or report of suspicious activity

**Priority 3:** A cold call where an officer needs to take a report, such as a house that has been burglarized, with no suspects on scene

## THE GOVERNMENT'S ARGUMENT

On average, Latinos who live in county pockets in south Modesto receive faster responses from sheriff's deputies than some of their counterparts in rural areas, according to court documents filed by the city of Modesto. This chart compares three parts of the county, showing dispatch and response times, in minutes.

	From service call to time of dispatch				Dispatched to scene				Number of calls
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Average time	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Average time	
<b>Beat 1:</b> Northwest and north county	22	23.2	55.1	33.5	10.4	11.8	17.9	13.6	3,971
<b>Beat 18 &amp; 80:</b> Salida and Del Rio	6.8	13.2	25.9	16.4	7.8	9.7	12.3	10.3	3,277
<b>Beat 23 &amp; 24:</b> South Modesto	16.6	20.1	47.3	28.9	8	7.9	12.5	9.5	6,164

Source: Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department