



Colton Police Department

650 North La Cadena Drive, Colton, California 92324

Henry Dominguez, Chief of Police

Reporting Police Misconduct

Dear Citizen,

It is the policy of the Colton Police Department to accept reports from anyone who believes that they have been a victim of police misconduct. Every employee of the Colton Police Department has the authority and the duty to accept a report of police misconduct and forward it directly to the Chief of Police for review.

It has been our experience that many reports of police misconduct are actually misunderstandings, or policy or procedural matters that are beyond the control of our employees. In most incidences, these issues can be resolved through a discussion with the on-duty Watch Commander who will review your concerns and attempt to bring resolution to the matter. If you still feel that your situation has not been addressed to your satisfaction, you will be requested to begin our formal complaint procedure that will be explained to you by the Watch Commander. You may withdraw your request for a formal investigation at any time.

In many cases, reports of police misconduct generate from a criminal investigation to which the complainant is a party. If this is the case, the procedure may be delayed until the criminal action has been adjudicated in Superior Court. After the criminal case has been closed, and all appeals exhausted, you will be notified by a staff member of the Colton Police Department to determine if you still desired to pursue an investigation into your report of police misconduct.

Upon completion of the Department's investigation you will be notified, in writing, of the action taken by the Colton Police Department in reference to your report.

In closing, be advised that California Penal Code Section 148.6(a)(1) makes it a misdemeanor to file an allegation of misconduct against any Peace Officer knowing the allegation to be false.

If you have any questions or concerns as to the procedures for filing a report of police misconduct, please contact the on-duty Watch Commander at (909) 370-5000.

Sincerely,
Henry Dominguez
Chief of Police

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Complaint of Misconduct

YOUR NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

NAME(S) OR BADGE NUMBER(S) OF OFFICER(S) INVOLVED:

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: _____ TIME: _____

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: _____

WITNESS NAME(S), ADDRESS(ES), TELEPHONE NUMBERS(S)

Please describe the circumstances regarding your complaint. (List any additional witnesses, involved officers and or other relevant information that would help investigate your complaint)

(MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY)

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PER PEN. CODE 148.6 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A COMPLAINT AGAINST A POLICE OFFICER FOR ANY IMPROPER POLICE CONDUCT. CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES THIS AGENCY TO HAVE A PROCEDURE TO INVESTIGATE CIVILIANS' COMPLAINTS. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROCEDURE. THIS AGENCY MAY FIND AFTER INVESTIGATION THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO WARRANT ACTION ON YOUR COMPLAINT; EVEN IF THAT IS THE CASE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE COMPLAINT AND HAVE IT INVESTIGATED IF YOU BELIEVE AN OFFICER BEHAVED IMPROPERLY. CIVILIAN COMPLAINTS AND ANY REPORTS OR FINDINGS RELATING TO COMPLAINTS MUST BE RETAINED BY THIS AGENCY FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT THAT YOU KNOW TO BE FALSE. IF YOU MAKE A COMPLAINT AGAINST AN OFFICER KNOWING THAT IT IS FALSE, YOU CAN BE PROSECUTED ON A MISDEMEANOR CHARGE.

By signing below, you are acknowledging that you have read this paragraph and the information you have provided is true and accurate.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT GUARDIAN: _____

PERSON RECEIVING COMPLAINT: _____ DATE/TIME: _____