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June 23, 2003



Michael and Elana Laham
Post Office Box 5248
Orange, California 92863

Re: Watch Commander Service Comment Report #120239

Dear Mr. and Ms. Laham:

Thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns regarding personnel at Cerritos Station. On April 3, 2003, you faxed a letter to Captain Ted Siara that you were denied filing a criminal report of forgery by Deputy Mark Smith. Our investigation revealed that the initial actions of Deputy Smith regarding this incident were reasonable and within established Department policy and guidelines. However, in the interest of providing the best possible service, given the complexities of real estate transactions and associated law a complaint report has been written and assigned to the Real Estate Fraud Unit for an expert determination.

I am concerned about the public confidence in the investigation of complaints against members of the Sheriff's Department. It is my sincere hope, that any future contact you have with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will be much more positive in nature.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention and the opportunity it afforded me to evaluate the conduct of our personnel. If you have any questions about the results of our review of your complaint, please contact me within ten business days of the date of this letter at (562) 860-0044. If you are not satisfied with our investigation, you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, at 18411 Crenshaw Boulevard, Suite 240, Torrance, California, 90504, (800) 801-0030.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF → Fax 323-267-6690 *
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Michael R. McDermott, Captain
Cerritos Station (see Lt Gary De Coo)

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