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## CITIZEN COMPLAINT

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST A PEACE OFFICER FOR ANY IMPROPER POLICE CONDUCT. (PENAL CODE SECTION 832.5). DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS ARE PEACE OFFICERS. CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES THIS AGENCY TO HAVE A PROCEDURE TO INVESTIGATE CITIZEN COMPLAINTS AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROCEDURE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PROCEDURE, EVERY COMPLAINT AGAINST A PEACE OFFICER OF THIS AGENCY WILL BE INVESTIGATED. CITIZEN COMPLAINTS AND ANY REPORTS OR FINDINGS RELATING TO THESE 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. (PENAL CODE SECTION 148.6).