

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

The Angels Camp Police Department believes that a relationship of confidence and trust with the public is essential to effective law enforcement. Officers must be confident that they may exercise their best judgment and initiate law enforcement action in a reasonable, lawful, and impartial manner without fear of reprisal. The Angels Camp Police Department recognizes a special obligation to meticulously respect the rights of all persons.

The department acknowledges its responsibility to establish complaint and disciplinary procedures in compliance with the Penal Code Section 832.5 and Government Code Section 3300. The procedure will subject employees of the Angels Camp Police Department to corrective action when they conduct themselves improperly.

To this end, the Angels Camp Police Department welcomes from citizens of the community constructive criticism of the department and valid complaints against its employees and procedures.

Any citizen who feels an employee of the department has subjected him or her to misconduct may file a "Citizen Complaint". The complaint may be made at any time to any member of the Police Department, but should be made to the Chief of Police whenever possible. Complaints of misconduct will be accepted and recorded on a "Citizens Complaint" form at the Police Department, Monday through Friday during business hours.

The investigation procedure consists of taking formal statements from all persons concerned and the gathering and preservation of any evidence or information related to the incident. Each allegation is examined on its own merits in an objective manner. The investigator then submits the completed investigation along with recommendations to the Chief of Police.

Generally, complaints will not be accepted from a person while they are intoxicated. You should also understand that if you knowingly make false accusations, the employee involved might hold you liable to civil or criminal recourse.

After the complaint has been investigated, you will be notified by letter that the investigation has been completed and of the final disposition of the complaint. However, California Penal Code Sections 832.5, 832.7, 832.8(e) and (f), and California Evidence Code Sections 1043 and 1046 preclude the release of any details of the investigation or of any discipline imposed.

If you have any further questions, contact my office at (209) 736-2567, Monday through Friday during business hours.

Sincerely,



Scott Ellis
Chief of Police



ANGELS CAMP POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT FORM AND AFFIDAVIT

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Name of Complainant

Home Phone

Work Phone

Address

City

State

Zip

Date and Time of Incident

Name of All Parties Involved:

Describe what happened and your specific complaint: (Attach other sheets as needed)

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 citizens' complaints. You have the 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. Citizen complaints and any reports or finding relating to complaints must be retained by this agency for at least five years.

148.6(a)(1) California Penal Code: Every person who files any allegation of misconduct against any peace officer, knowing the allegation to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

I have read and understood the above statement.

Signature of Complainant

Date