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Mr. Orlando Castano,

I am in receipt of your letter regarding "Police Reporting Practices." The substance of the letter has been reviewed in relation to the completed investigation.

While I can understand your client's desire to have additional reports filed, the facts are that all allegations that fall within the jurisdiction of the Costa Mesa Police Department have been sufficiently presented to the Orange County District Attorney's Office for review. The Orange County District Attorney's Office, as an independent agency, reviewed the allegations, including the false report claim, and has indicated that the allegations cannot be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Costa Mesa Police Department has a practice of resolving issues by completing a thorough and accurate investigation. That being said, if new evidence is discovered or brought forth, then additional investigation may be warranted. In this particular case, a complete and thorough investigation was completed and the facts did not warrant the Orange County District Attorney's Office in filing charges against any of the involved parties.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Lieutenant Allen Huggins at 714-754-5282.

Regards,

Christopher Shawkey
Chief of Police
Costa Mesa Police Department

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