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### Complaint Concerning Police Practices

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (Apartment #)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City / Town State Zip Code / Cell / Home Phone #

Where can you be reached during the day: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are visiting the Washington Metropolitan Area, where can you be contacted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Phone Number

When did the incident Occur? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Is there a Case Number? Y / N ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Date Time

Address where incident occurred? \_\_\_\_\_

List the names or descriptions of the officer(s) involved:

Name	ID Number

Are these officers from the City of Hyattsville Police Department? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

List the names and addresses of any witnesses

Witness Name	Witness Address	Phone Number

Describe in your own words your complaint. **PLEASE PRINT** Use the back of this form or extra paper if necessary.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HCPD Employee Receiving the Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_ Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_



The following information is provided for complaints of Excessive Force. This information is NOT intended to discourage legitimate complaints against police officers. In fact, the validity of a thorough investigation depends upon timely and truthful information.

**SECTION 3-104**

A complaint against a law enforcement officer alleging the use of excessive force in the execution of his/her duties may not be investigated unless the complaint is sworn to by the aggrieved person, a member of the aggrieved person's immediate family, by any person present at the alleged incident, someone who has a video recording of the incident, that, to the individuals knowledge, is unaltered, or by the parent or guardian in the case of a minor child.

An investigation which could lead to disciplinary action under this subtitle for excessive force may not be initiated and action may not be taken unless **the complaint is filed within 366 days of the alleged excessive force incident.**

**CRIMINAL LAW**

**TITLE 9.** Crimes Against Public Administration

**SUBTITLE 5.** False Statements

**Maryland Criminal Law Code § 9-501 (2016)**

**9-501 False Statement – To Law Enforcement Officer**

- (a) Prohibited -- A person may not make, or cause to be made, a statement, a report, or a complaint that the person knows to be false, as a whole, or in material part, to a law enforcement officer of the State, of a County, municipal Corporation, or under Political Subdivision of the State, or the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Police with the intent to deceive and to cause an investigation or other action to be taken as a result of the result of the statement, report, or complaint.
  
- (b) Penalty -- A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

**This Section Must Be Completed for Complaints of Excessive Force**

**I do solemnly declare and affirm under penalty of perjury that I have read or have had read to me the forgoing laws pertaining to this complaint and that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name*                      \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*    \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

