

TERRE HAUTE POLICE DEPARTMENT



COMPLAINING ABOUT THE ACTIONS OF A POLICE OFFICER

As a citizen, you are encouraged to contact the Police Department if you have a complaint about the actions of a police officer or non-sworn employee if you believe their conduct was inappropriate or a violation of the law. It must be noted that any complaint will not affect current criminal charges against the complainant. Any Shift or Unit Commander (Lieutenant or Sergeant) can answer questions about actions of officers, and initiate a complaint against an officer. The complaint will be forwarded to the proper Division Captain for further investigation.

Although we encourage citizens to report police misconduct, complaints must be made in good faith. False or highly exaggerated complaints serve no good purpose for either the citizen or the officer and only thwart our complaint taking process. Anyone who willfully makes any false accusation for the purpose of discrediting a police officer is subject to prosecution under Indiana Code. Also, the same civil remedies available to citizens are available to police officers.



COMPLAINT AGAINST POLICE OFFICER

Date: _____ Time: _____
(Date and Time Complaint Received)

Complainant _____ Address _____ Phone _____

(LOCATION OF INCIDENT)

(DATE)

(TIME)

WITNESSES _____ OFFENSE # _____

(OFFICER/S INVOLVED)

(REPORT TAKEN BY)

(ASSIGNED TO)

(DATE)

I hereby swear and affirm that the information I am providing is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who willfully makes any false accusations for the purpose of discrediting a police officer may be prosecuted under Indiana Code IC 35-44.1-2-3(d)(5), False Informing/Reporting and / or civil proceedings. _____

(Signature of Complainant)

DETAILS:

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