



Cherokee County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff Brent Dickson

CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM

Date: _____ Internal Affairs Case Number: _____

Complainant's Name: _____

Complainant's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone#: _____ Work Phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Type of Allegation: _____

Location of Occurrence: _____

Date of Occurrence: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Employee(s) Allegedly Involved: _____

Witness(s):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

(Witness continued)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

TEXAS STATE LAW: (Government Code 614.022) requires that all complaints against police officers be in writing and signed by the person making the complaint. Just as citizens who are arrested must be notified of the charges against them, police officers must be given copies of complaints before any disciplinary action may be taken. The person who claims to be aggrieved must make the complaint. Other persons involved in the incident may give statements as witnesses. Traffic tickets issued or differences of opinion between police officers and citizens over the issuance of traffic tickets or the guilt or innocence of persons arrested will not be investigated unless there are specific allegations of misconduct against members of the Department.

(Government Code 614.023) Copy of Complaint is to be given to the officer or employee. (a) A copy of the signed complaint against a law enforcement officer of this state or a fire fighter, detention officer, county jailer or peace officer appointed or employed by a political subdivision of this state shall be given to the officer or employee within a reasonable time after the complaint is filed. (b) Disciplinary action may not be taken against the officer or employee unless a copy of the signed complaint is given to the officer or employee.

FALSE COMPLAINTS: People who intentionally make false complaints or allegations against police officers violate Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code. Texas law provides punishment for an individual adjudged guilty of committing an offense, if with the intent to deceive and with statement under oath or swears to the truth of a false statement previously authorized by law to be made under oath. A person who commits an offense under this section can be charged with offenses ranging from a Class B Misdemeanor to a Felony of the Third Degree. Punishments can range from confinement and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. This information is not intended to intimidate the complainant or any witnesses, but is provided to avoid retaliation against law enforcement officers or departmental staff.

COMPLAINT AFFIRMATION

I, _____, do hereby affirm the foregoing information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false, misleading, or untrue statements or writing to any person(s) investigating this complaint, may subject me to civil and / or criminal prosecution.

I further realize that it may become necessary, during the investigation of this complaint, for me to meet with a member(s) of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office to discuss this complaint; either in the presence or absence of the accused department member(s) at the discretion of the department.

Complainant's Signature: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the _____ day of _____, _____

Notary public in and for, State of Texas

My commission expires _____

Printed Name of Notary

Notary Seal or Stamp

Signature of Notary