ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Citizen's Complaint Form

COMPLAINANT:

Name _____ Sex _____ DOB _____ PFN _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ Zip _____

EMPLOYEE(S):
Names or Descriptions _____

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WITNESS(ES):

Name _____ Address _____ Phone_____

Name _____ Address _____ Phone_____

Name _____ Address _____ Phone_____

INCIDENT LOCATION: _____ **DATE:**_____ **TIME:**_____

DETAILS OF COMPLAINT: (Attach additional pages if necessary) _____

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CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE, Section 47.5 Defamation Action by Peace Officer

Notwithstanding Section 47, a peace officer may bring an action for defamation against an individual who has filed a complaint with that officer's employing agency alleging misconduct, criminal conduct, or incompetence, **if that complaint is false, the complaint was made with knowledge that it was false and that it was made with spite, hatred or ill will.** Knowledge that the complaint was false may be proved by showing that the complainant had no reasonable grounds to believe the statement was true and that the complainant exhibited a reckless disregard for ascertaining the truth.

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 A 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. CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS AND ANY REPORTS OR FINDINGS RELATING TO COMPLAINTS MUST BE RETAINED BY THIS AGENCY FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

Per 832.7 PC, complainants are only entitled to be notified of the findings (results) of the investigations, as the contents of all personnel investigations shall remain confidential.

I have read and understood the above statement.

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Complainant's Signature **Date**

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE: If the incident occurred more than 30 days prior to this complaint, include a description of the circumstances causing the delay in the above narrative.

After the complaint has been received by a Sheriff's Office employee, a copy shall be returned to the complainant. The complaint will then be sent to an investigator. When completed, the investigation will be reviewed by command staff and forwarded to the Sheriff for a finding. A letter outlining the allegation(s) and finding(s) will then be sent to the complainant.

COMPLAINT RECEIVED BY: Name _____ Date _____ Time _____

___ In Person ___ Phone ___ Mail ___ Other _____

COMPLAINANT SENT/GIVEN COPY BY: Name _____ Date _____