



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530*

Mr. Joseph Ciampi
P.O. Box 1681
Palo Alto, CA 94302

Dear Mr. Ciampi:

This responds to your electronic mail, dated February 19, 2011, to the Department of Justice regarding your arrest by Palo Alto Police Department officers on March 15, 2008, and your allegations that the taser videos of the arresting officers were tampered with. Your correspondence was forwarded to this office for response.

The Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division enforces the federal criminal civil rights statutes. Much of our enforcement activity relates to the investigation and prosecution of deprivations of civil rights under color of law. These matters generally involve allegations of excessive physical force or sexual abuse by law enforcement officers.

In August 2009, we completed our review of the results of the investigation into your arrest and determined that the evidence did not establish a prosecutable violation of the federal criminal civil rights statutes. We have carefully reviewed the additional materials you provided and concluded that they do not establish a sufficient basis for us to re-open the investigation. Accordingly, this matter remains closed, and we do not plan on taking any further action.

This Division is dedicated to the enforcement of federal criminal civil rights statutes and we appreciate your cooperation in our effort to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark J. Kappelhoff/JSF".

Mark J. Kappelhoff
Section Chief
Criminal Section