



Trempealeau County Sheriff

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Date: _____

Dear _____

I have enclosed the Sheriff's Office Complaint Forms. Please read this letter carefully before completing the forms, it will explain the various options available to a complaint.

If you decide to file a complaint with the Sheriff's Office and want it to be a formal complaint, the "Attestation and Notary Form" must be completed and notarized. If the form is not notarized, it will be treated as an informal complaint. In either case, you must complete a "Complaint Statement Form". Both informal and formal complaints are investigated. Please provide as much information as possible, including specific dates, times and the names of officers involved. Provide us with reasons you believe the officer's conduct was inappropriate. You may use additional paper as needed. It is also very important that you provide us with names of officers involved. Provide us with reasons you believe the officer's conduct was inappropriate. You may use additional paper as needed. It is also very important that you provide us with the names of witnesses and how they can be contacted. It is especially important that you provide us with information so that we can contact you.

Once your complaint is completed, you may mail it to the Sheriff's Office or drop it off in person. Our address is:

Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office
18600 Hobson St.
ATTN: Sheriff
Whitehall, WI 54773

Any written complaint submitted to us is a public record. This means that, upon request, the complaint and related documents may be subject to disclosure to the news media or anyone else that makes a request for documents. The news media or any person may choose to make the complaint and investigation public once the investigation is complete. If you request confidentiality, the Department will make every legal effort to respect that request, however it is not possible to guarantee confidentiality. You can request confidentiality by checking the appropriate boxes on the Complaint Statement Form.

Brett Semingson

Lastly, the Department is required by State Law to inform you “whoever knowingly makes a false complaint regarding the conduct of a law enforcement officer is subject to a Class A forfeiture”.

If you have any questions about the process, please call Chief Deputy Wayne Dahl at 715-538-4509.

Thank you,

Brett A. Semingson
Sheriff

Enclosure (Complaint forms)

**FORMAL COMPLAINT
FORM REQUIRED FOR ATTESTATION AND NOTARY**

State of Wisconsin)
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County of Trempealeau)

_____, being first duly sworn on oath,
(Printed Name of Complainant)

deposes and says that he/she is the complainant in the described on the following pages; and he/she has read the foregoing complaint and knows the content thereof; that the same are true and complete to his/her own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters he/she believes the same to be true.

Wisconsin Statute 946.32, False Swearing: (1) Whomever does the following is guilty of a Class "D" Felony.

- (a) Under oath or affirmation makes or subscribes a false statement that he/she does not believe is true, when such oath or affirmation is authorized or required by law, or is required by any public officer or governmental agency as a prerequisite to such officer or agency taking some official action.

OATH TO BE ADMINISTERED BY NOTARY:

Do you solemnly swear that the facts contained in the complaint that you have today filed are true and correct to the best of your knowledge, so help you God?

(Complainant's Signature Under Oath)

(Translator/Signer, if applicable)

WITNESSES:

1. _____

2. _____ subscribed and

sworn to before me

this _____ day of _____, _____

Notary Public, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin
My Commission is (permanent) or (expires on _____).

