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Key West

POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 16, 2020

Citizen Review Board PO Box 1946 Key West, FL 33040

Citizen Review Board,

On December 13, 2019, the Key West Police Department received a complaint from Mr. Steve Legnaioli through the Citizen Review Board. Mr. Legnaioli's complaint was in regards to an incident that occurred on June 20, 2019, where Sergeant Billy Vazquez and Officer Alex Rodriguez came to Mr. Legnaioli's home to serve him with an Ex-Parte Risk Protection Order, signed by Judge Mark Wilson.

In July 2019, Mr. Legnaioli contacted me to file a complaint against Sergeant Vazquez and Officer Rodriguez for this same incident. On July 18, 2019, I emailed Mr. Legnaioli my response to his complaint. Please see the attached response, it will be used as our response to the complaint filed with Citizen Review Board.

Sincerely,

Sergeant Jason Castillo

Professional Standards Division Commander

(305) 809-1035





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Chief of Police



July 18, 2019

Mr. Legnaioli,

This letter is in response to the complaint you filed against Sergeant Billy Vazquez and Officer Alex Rodriguez. Your complaint was in regards to an incident that occurred on June 20, 2019, where Sergeant Vazquez and Officer Rodriguez came to your home to serve you with an Ex-Parte Risk Protection Order, signed by Judge Mark Wilson.

I have reviewed the body worn camera footage recorded during that incident. Sergeant Vazquez and Officer Rodriguez were attempting to explain to you that they needed to serve you with the Ex-Parte Order, and they were obligated to explain the order to you and have you sign the order. In the video, Officer Rodriguez asked you to step outside the gate so they could explain the order to you. You then stated, "I can't, you guys frighten me." At that time, Sergeant Vazquez stated, "We don't want to come into your house. We don't want to knock your gate down. We don't want to do any of that." It is clear that you took Sergeant Vazquez's statement out of context. Sergeant Vazquez was simply attempting to reassure you that they were not there to do you harm. They advised you multiple times all they needed to do was served you the order, have you sign it, and they would leave the area.

At no time during this incident, did Sergeant Vazquez or Officer Rodriquez threaten you, violate any Key West Police Department Policies, or violate any state statutes.

At this time, this matter is considered closed.

Sergeant Jason Castillo

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