



Citizen Misconduct Referral – Deputy Miguel Bittony – MCSO Case 2026-00010128 – Certification Review Requested

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Ms. [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out and for providing the information and attachment regarding your concerns. Currently, the Law Enforcement Certification Board's provisions do not establish a citizen-complaint process through which a member of the public directly files a complaint with the Board against a law enforcement officer or public safety telecommunicator.

Under Subsection E of 10.29.1.11 NMAC, the responsibility for reporting alleged misconduct involving a certified law enforcement officer or telecommunicator is placed on the employing law enforcement agency. The rule provides that when an agency becomes aware of alleged misconduct that may constitute a violation of the Board's rules, the agency is required to report that conduct to the appropriate director within the timeframe established by the rule. The rule further provides that agencies should undertake a timely and thorough investigation to determine whether an allegation of misconduct is sustained.

I have reviewed the attachment you provided, and based on the nature of the concerns described, your complaint should be submitted to the officer's employing law enforcement agency so that the agency can review and investigate the allegations through its established complaint or internal affairs process. If the agency's investigation identifies alleged misconduct that falls within the grounds for certification discipline under 10.29.1.11 NMAC, the employing agency has the responsibility to report that alleged misconduct in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements.

You may also contact the **New Mexico** Department of Justice regarding your concerns and inquire about whether there is an appropriate process available through that office for submitting your complaint.

I am providing you information regarding the process established under the Board's current rules and the process for having your complaint reviewed.

Respectfully,



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