

****PLEASE NOTE THE
FOLLOWING****

**2C:28-4. False Reports to Law
Enforcement Authorities.**

a) Falsely incriminating another. A person who knowingly gives or causes to be given false information to any law enforcement officer with purpose to implicate another commits a crime of the fourth degree.

b) Fictitious reports. A person commits a disorderly persons offense if he:

- (1) Reports or causes to be reported to law enforcement authorities an offense or other incident within their concern knowing that it did not occur; or
- (2) Pretends to furnish or causes to be furnished such authorities with information relating to an offense or incident when he knows he has no information relating to such an offense or incident.

V. Other alternatives that are available:

If you are not satisfied with the findings or have additional information that is important to your complaint, please contact the Internal Affairs Commander within ten (10) days of the receipt of the internal affairs investigation results.

You may also contact the following:

Somerset County Prosecutors Office at:
908-231-7100

NJ Division of Criminal Justice at:
609-984-6500

or the *Federal Bureau of Investigation at:*
973-792-3000

VI. Questions about internal affairs:

If you have any questions about Internal Affairs, Internal Affairs Investigators, or the Franklin Township Police Department, please feel free to call 732-873-2300 and ask for the Internal Affairs Commander.

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For Emergencies ONLY

Non-Emergency Matters

(732) 873-5533 or (732) 873-2300
or visit us at
www.franklintwpnj.org



Franklin Township Police Department

Guidelines for filing Misconduct Complaints



John Fodor- Chief of Police



Guidelines for filing...



I. The goal of the Professional Standards Bureau:

The goal of the Internal Affairs is to ensure that the integrity of the Franklin Township Police Department is maintained through a system of internal discipline where fairness and justice are maintained by objective impartial investigation and review; and to serve the public trust, ensure fairness, and protect the rights of both citizens and police officers.

II. How to register a complaint:

The initiation of a misconduct complaint can be done online at <https://franklintwp.seamlessdocs.com/f/AIComplaint/>, in person, on the phone or through mail/email. Citizens are encouraged to submit their complaint in person and as soon as possible after the incident. The police supervisory staff are directed to accept all complaints of officer misconduct.

Citizens may file complaints of officer misconduct at any hour or day of the week at 732-873-2300. The Franklin Township Police Department is located at:

**495 DeMott Lane
Somerset, New Jersey
08875-2796**

III. How complaints are investigated:

To ensure an extremely thorough investigation, a Franklin Township Police Department Internal Affairs Investigator will contact you to ascertain all pertinent information relating to your complaint. Your information and statements will remain completely confidential. Statements will be tape recorded for proper documentation when feasible.

The Internal Affairs Investigator will contact all witnesses and investigate all information regarding your complaint. The length of time in an internal investigation will vary, depending on the complexity of the incident. Please feel free to speak with the Internal Affairs Investigator to check on the status of the investigation at any time.

IV. The results:

When an internal investigation is completed, the Internal Affairs Commander will notify you in writing of the appropriate disposition of the complaint. *There are four possible findings:*

- 1) **Exonerated** - The alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal, and proper.
- 2) **Sustained** - The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation(s). A detailed report will be submitted to the Chief of Police for his review.
- 3) **Not Sustained** - The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation(s). The case will be closed, pending further information.
- 4) **Unfounded** - The alleged incident did not occur; or there is insufficient information to conduct a meaningful investigation. The case will be closed, and no further action will be taken.

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