

CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

COMPLAINT FORM - FORMA DE QUEJA

1. Fill out the form with all relevant information.
2. Mail a copy to the appropriate police department.
3. Mail a copy to the Chicano Federation, 920 E Street, San Diego, CA 92101.
4. Retain a copy for your records.
5. This complaint form can be used to file a complaint with any law enforcement agency.

PROCEDIMIENTO PARA PONER QUEJA

La ley del Estado de California requiere que todo los Departamentos de Policia reciban e investigen quejas de toda persona.

Esta forma se puede usar para entregar quejas con cualquier Departamento de Policia.

Inclusive se encuentra en este procedimiento alternativas y pasos, si por algun motivo no esta conforme con la respuesta de la Policia.

Siga estos pasos por favor:

1. Complete toda la forma con la informacion que le corresponda.
2. Envie una copia al Departamento de Policia apropiado.
3. Envie una copia a la Federacion Chicana, 920 E St., San Diego, CA 92101.
4. Guarde una copia para su beneficio.

Name Nombre		Date of Birth Fecha de Nacimiento	Telephone Telefono	Race Raza
[REDACTED]		10-19-57	[REDACTED]	MEX. WHITE
Address: Street, City Domicilio: Ciudad			Work Phone Telefono de Trabajo	
[REDACTED] SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA			NONE	
Witness Name Testigo Nombre		Address Domicilio		Phone Telefono
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED], PASADENA		
Witness (Name) Testigo (Nombre)		Address Domicilio		Phone Telefono
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED] PASADENA		
Location of Occurrence Lugar de Incidente		Police Department Departamento de Policia		Date Fecha
VICTORY PARK, PASADENA		LOS ANGELES SHERIFFS DEPT REDONDO BEACH, POLICE DEPT		8-22-82
Officer Involved (Name) Nombre de Policia			Badge # Escudo	Car # Numero de Patrulla
TO BE IDENTIFIED IN POLICE REPORT				
Narrative Description of Events Sumario Y Descripcion de Incidente				
THIS COMPLAINT IS BEING FILED ON BEHALF OF MY BROTHER WHO WAS KILLED				
ON AUGUST 22, 1982 AT VICTORY PARK IN PASADENA.				
SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT				
Signature of Complainant Firma de Protestante			Signature of Parent (If under 18 Years) Firma de Padres (Menos de 18 Anos)	
[REDACTED]				
Person Receiving Complaint Persona Recibiendo Queja		Agency Location Localidad de Agencia		Date Fecha
Roberto Martinez		920 E. ST. SAN DIEGO, 12101		11-8-82
			Time Hora	
			2:00 P.M.	

This complaint is to protest the death of [REDACTED], brother of the complainant, who died at the hands of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies and the City of Redondo Beach Police.

[REDACTED] went with friends to Victory Park in Pasadena to play baseball. In another field nearby L.A. County Sheriff's Deputies and Redondo Beach Police were also engaged in a game of baseball.

Soon after the arrival of [REDACTED] and his group of friends, the Deputies and Police came over and began chasing them with racial and verbal attacks.

[REDACTED], and a friend [REDACTED], got up from the bench from where they were sitting and walked over to see what the disturbance was. They chased [REDACTED] away calling him a _____ mexican.

The Deputies then hit [REDACTED] in the stomach with a bat. They then threw him to the ground, strangling him, pinning his arms and legs with one hand and punching him with the other. At least four or five of the other Deputies stood around in a circle kicking him and preventing anyone from coming to [REDACTED] aid.

When [REDACTED] attempted to come to his aid the Sheriff's Deputies placed a gun to his head and threatened to kill him. [REDACTED] died soon after.

Not [REDACTED] nor any of his friends carried weapons of any kind.

We believe [REDACTED]'s Civil Rights were violated and that if the confrontation had not been initiated by Sheriff's Deputies and Redondo Beach Police, [REDACTED] would still be alive.

CLERK

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 8, 1982

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

MY NAME IS ROBERTO MARTINEZ, AND I AM A VOLUNTEER WORKER WITH THE CHICANO FEDERATION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, INC. I AM ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH POLICE COMPLAINTS. I AM WRITING IN REFERENCE TO THE CASE INVOLVING THE TRAGIC DEATH OF [REDACTED] AT VICTORY PARK IN PASADENA, CALIF., ON AUGUST 22, 1982.

ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN AN OUT OF COURT SETTLEMENT, THE FAMILY HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO FILE A CITIZENS COMPLAINT AGAINST THE OFFICERS INVOLVED. A COPY IS ENCLOSED.

THE REASON I AM ADDRESSING THIS COMPLAINT TO YOU IS BECAUSE ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO THE SHERIFFS DEPUTIES AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR INITIATING THE CONFRONTATION THAT LED TO THE SUBSEQUENT DEATH OF [REDACTED].

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO WHAT ROLE THE REDONDO BEACH POLICE PLAYED IN ALL OF THIS. WE BELIEVE THAT IF IT IS PROVEN THAT [REDACTED] CIVIL RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED THEN ANY PREVIOUS AGREEMENT WILL BE SUPERCEDED SINCE THIS COMPLAINT IS BEING INITIATED BY DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS COMPLAINT OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THIS CASE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT [REDACTED].

SINCERAMENTE,

ROBERTO MARTINEZ

cc:

SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES, SHERMAN BLOCK
REDONDO BEACH POLICE CHIEF, FRANK MEEHAN
CONGRESSMAN EDWARD ROYBAL (D) LOS ANGELES.



CHICANO FEDERATION

OF

SAN DIEGO COUNTY, INC.

CENTRAL OFFICE

920 "E" STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 (714) 236-1228

527 ELM AVENUE, CARLSBAD, CA 92008 (714) 729-7955

1129 SOUTH 38th STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92113 (714) 263-7788

1571 ALBANY AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, CA 92010 (714) 426-2511

December 17, 1982

Sargeant Robert Puente
Hall of Justice
211 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Dear Sargeant Puente,

I am writing you in reference to the [REDACTED] Case. As I indicated in my first letter, I am aware that Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED]'s father, has or is planning to sign a document releasing the County of Los Angeles of all liability in the wrongful death of [REDACTED], thereby, settling out of court.

However, this does not exonerate the Sheriff's Department of their role in the circumstances leading up to [REDACTED]'s death.

Our interest in the case stems from the fact that Mr. [REDACTED]'s father, is a client of the Chicano Federation. His son [REDACTED] had requested, independently, that we file a citizen's complaint against the agencies involved in [REDACTED]'s death, to which Mr. [REDACTED] received a response with your name as the person in charge.

Irregardles, of Mr. [REDACTED] agreement with the county, we plan to follow this case very closely since we have read a copy of the deposition describing the circumstances surrounding [REDACTED]'s death at the hands of Sheriff's Deputies and the City of Redondo Beach Police Department.

If you have any questions concerning any of the above please feel free to write or call me at [REDACTED].

Sinceramente,

Roberto Martinez



1245 Island Avenue
San Diego, Calif.

92101

October 7, 1982

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Los Angeles, Calif. 90017

Dear Mr. ██████████,

My name is Roberto L. Martinez. I am a volunteer with the Chicano Federation of San Diego County. For the past four years I have been helping Chicanos who have had problems with law enforcement agencies.

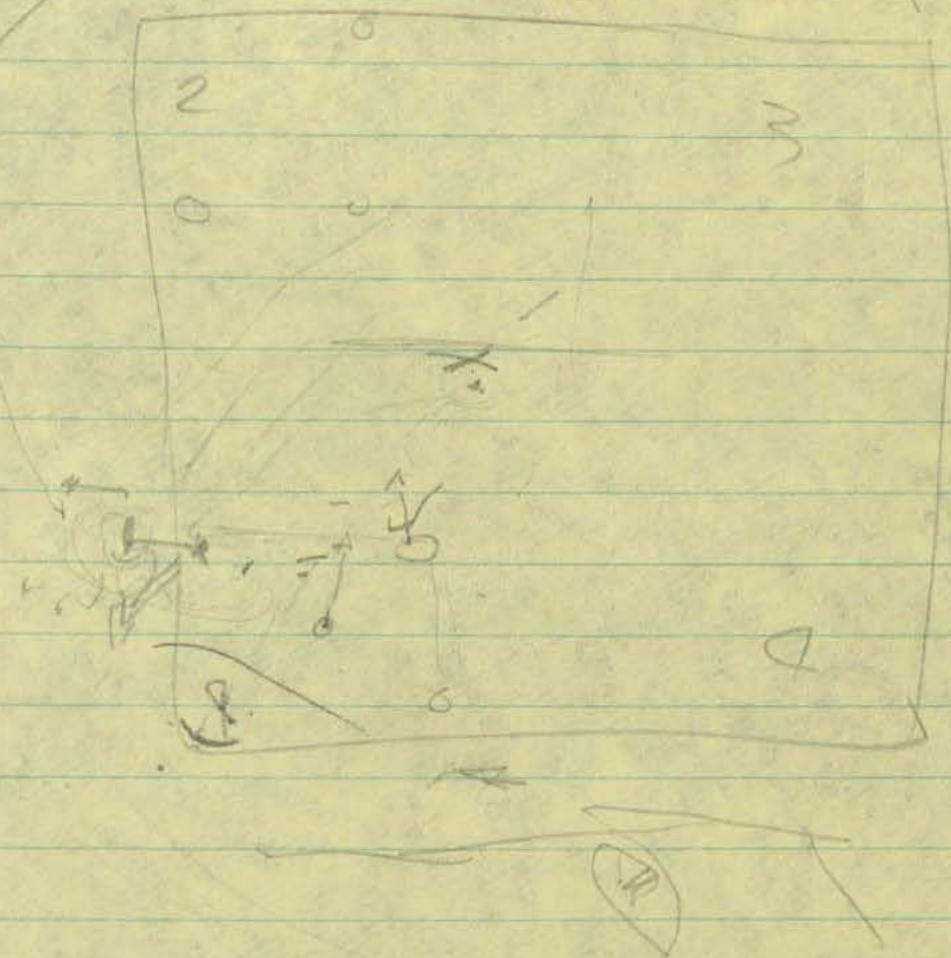
I have been following the ██████████ case since it was brought to our attention by his father ██████████. I have a sincere interest because, first, I am keeping a file on as many cases concerning deadly force, harassment, and discrimination involving the Sheriffs department and Police, throughout San Diego County and Southern California.

Secondly, I plan to put together, hopefully by the end of this year, an up to date file on cases compiled by myself and several other Chicano leaders throughout southern California for possible use in a high level investigation of civil rights violations by these law enforcement agencies.

I hope you can help me by sending me a copy of the ██████████ Police Report, and any other pertinent information. This information will not be published without written permission from you and the ██████████ family.

Sinceramente,

Roberto
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B/O OF [REDACTED]
15 Dec. 62

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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, Ca. 90017

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[REDACTED]
National Council of La Raza

[REDACTED]
Washington, D.C. 20006
[REDACTED]