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Taylor Pendergrass  
American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado  
400 Corona St.  
Denver, CO 80218-3915

Dear Mr. Pendergrass:

This letter is in response to the letter you sent to me on March 5, 2009, regarding the actions of members of the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) and Keep Colorado Springs Beautiful (KCSB).

A complete and thorough investigation was conducted, based on the available witness/complainant information. The investigation included interviews with you, Mr. Patrick Ayers, an individual representing the Colorado Veterans Alliance, a representative of KCSB, two additional civilians, one CSPD civilian Supervisor, and four CSPD officers.

Additionally, CSPD announced at two community meetings concerning issues involving homeless individuals that we were requesting anyone with first-hand knowledge of wrongdoing to come forward to provide information. CSPD posted a flyer requesting information about possible violations of individual rights at a location frequented by homeless individuals for services. CSPD requested of you the names of potential witnesses who could provide information concerning these allegations. All of these efforts resulted in the two civilian interviews referenced above.

I will say the Colorado Springs Police Department is disappointed in the level of cooperation provided by your office in this investigation. In your letter to me dated March 5, 2009, you outline serious allegations of civil rights violations which we take very seriously. In an effort to determine the truth while protecting the employment rights of our employees, we have gone to great lengths and spent many man hours in an effort to verify your claims. To date your office has failed to provide any information to substantiate these allegations and our outreach efforts have resulted in one homeless person who agreed to be interviewed.



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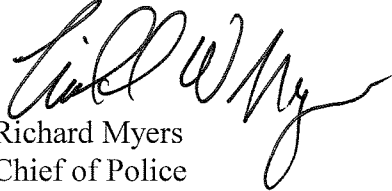
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In the end, this investigation disclosed no information concerning misconduct that could be substantiated on the part of CSPD officers or members of KCSB.

If you have any questions regarding this investigation, please contact the Internal Affairs Unit at 444-7417.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Myers", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Myers  
Chief of Police  
Colorado Springs Police Department