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Re: 1. REQUEST FOR REVIEW of complaint dated May 01/07 regarding violations of my constitutional rights by known & unknown officers of the Caledonia/Cayuga detachments of the OPP on Dec 16/06 and Jan 20/07; OPP File #2531007-0153

2. STATUS OF COMPLAINT dated April 04/07 regarding Dec 16/07 arrest.

Dear OCCPS:

1. I have received notification from the Ontario Provincial Police Professional Standards Bureau advising me of their opinion that I have failed to provide sufficient detail to support my allegations of misconduct with respect to a complaint received by them on May 07/07. Their letter does not indicate the date of my complaint and so I cannot be sure which complaint they are referring to as I still have an outstanding complaint dated April 04/07 for which I have received no correspondence.

Since the OPP letter indicates that my complaint was received by them on May 07/07, this suggests that they are referring to my May 01/07 complaint with respect to allegations that my constitutional rights were violated by members of the OPP on Dec 16/06 and Jan 20/07.

If this is, indeed, the complaint in question, please be advised that I would like to have this decision reviewed by OCCPS for the following reasons:

- a. I provided the OPP with a highly detailed complaint that included extensive supporting evidence, both printed and electronic on CD-ROM to substantiate my allegations that members of the OPP had violated my rights, and did so because of my race.
- b. I believe that the OPP are completely incapable of conducting an unbiased investigation into my complaint. I received a call from a member of the Professional Standards Bureau who told me that he felt my April 04/07 complaint regarding my arrest on Dec 16/06 was "very political." He also told me it was "the first time I've received a 95-page complaint."

With respect to the length of my complaint, my April 04/07 document is – in fact - only 26 pages in length, accompanied by extensive supporting evidence. I do not

feel that it is my job to decide what evidence is relevant; I feel it is my duty to provide all evidence that may be relevant, and allow a trained, unbiased investigator to determine if it is or not. It may well be that the officer was just being friendly, but in conjunction with the “political” remark, I must say that our conversation did not give me the impression that the OPP Professional Standards Bureau was taking my complaint(s) very seriously.

If there is a ‘political’ aspect to my complaint(s), it is because the OPP Commissioner, his subordinates and the president of the Ontario Provincial Police Association have made it thus through a deliberate defamation campaign as set out in a previous complaint dated March 21/07 which I have asked OCCPS to review as well. This campaign culminated in the Commissioner’s infamous April 07/07 email threatening Haldimand Council regarding their “*mutual understanding about the detrimental effect that McHale and his followers were having on Caledonia.*”

I believe that the OPP are incapable of properly investigating my complaint, and so I ask OCCPS to conduct a review of the decision by OPP Professional Standards to close the file on my March 21/07 complaint.

2. With respect to my April 04/07 complaint concerning my Dec 16/06 arrest, I would appreciate knowing the status of this complaint. If the OPP letter attached is referring to that complaint rather than my May 01 complaint, I would like to have it reviewed by OCCPS for the same reasons outlined above.

3. Would you please advise me as to whether or not you require another copy of my complaint for your review.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Vandermaas', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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