

HAMPSHIRE Constabulary

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Mrs G MacKenzie

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Dear Madam

Your letter to the Police Complaints Authority of 9th November 2000 has been received today in this department as the Authority has no locus in the investigation of your complaints until they receive our completed investigation report and other documents.

I am sorry that there has, of necessity, been a lengthy delay in progressing the allegation against the two officers from Gosport but in July this year the position was re-assessed in the light of DCI Burt's reinvestigation progress and I took the decision that we could now proceed with the complaints. Superintendent Whiting has the investigation and has contacted you. It does not mean that the earlier work was inefficient nor that the enquiry is not being handled properly.

There is no time limit on discipline in that the two officers were served formal notices when your complaints were made.

We shall be required in our reports to the PCA to explain the overall position and delay together with your obvious dissatisfaction over the time this has taken.

Superintendent Whiting is on a course until 4th December but I shall ensure he is fully aware of this correspondence and that he makes contact with you again after his return.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Superintendent

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