



POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY

Mrs Rita Carby

Code A

Your Reference

Our Reference D2002/ **Code A**

Date

12 September 2002

Dear Mrs Carby

Thank you for the copy of the letter you sent to the Deputy Chief Constable of Hampshire Police.

The Police Complaints Authority is an independent body set up to give public confidence to the system for investigating complaints against the Police. The Authority will supervise a small number of investigations involving serious allegations such as deaths in custody and corruption. All other recorded complaint matters come to the Authority only after completion of the investigation for the Authority to review and finalise the conclusions. If officers can be shown to have breached the Police Code of Conduct, the Authority can recommend that they face misconduct proceedings.

Before a complaint can be investigated the Chief Officer of the force must decide whether or not to record it. We have, therefore, referred your letter to the Chief Officer so that the necessary action can be taken.

If the Chief Officer decides not to record the complaint this Authority has no power to overrule that decision or to pursue the matter on your behalf.

You may find it helpful to see the enclosed leaflet which sets out the procedure for dealing with complaints, and explains the role and responsibilities of the Police Complaints Authority.

I have asked the force to let you know whether or not your complaint is to be formally recorded.

Please quote the above reference number should you have any need to correspond with us in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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