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Gordon Watts
821 Alicia Road
Lakeland, Florida 33801

Re: Complaint against Officer Charles Dallas of the Lakeland Police Department

Dear Mr. Watts:

We received your complaint against Officer Charles Dallas of the Lakeland Police Department and the other correspondence that you forwarded concerning issues between you and the Lakeland Police Department.

The Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission has the authority to pursue possible disciplinary action against an officer's certification if, upon investigation by the officer's employing agency, the agency sustains a violation of the moral character standard as outlined in Rule 11B-27.0011, Florida Administrative Code. Pursuant to Section 943.1395(5), Florida Statutes and Rule 11B-27.003, Florida Administrative Code, the department does have an obligation to investigate and report any sustained moral character violations to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for possible disciplinary action against an officer's certification.

After a review of the information that you sent to our office, I made contact with the Lakeland Police Department's General Counsel, Roger Mallory, who informed me that your complaint has been investigated thoroughly, without any sustained findings. I also spoke to Sergeant Debbie Moore, who oversees operations of the Internal Affairs Unit within the Lakeland Police Department. She also confirmed that your complaint was reviewed by the department, without any sustained violations. Therefore, the Commission does not have any further jurisdiction in this matter.

If you feel that a crime has been committed, you should contact the State Attorney's Office for them to review the information that you have. Additionally, if you feel that a violation of the public records law has occurred, you should contact the Attorney General's Office.

Please understand that our office does not have the statutory authority to conduct an independent investigation against a certified officer. That responsibility lies with the officer's employing agency.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact me at (850) 410-8600.

Sincerely,

Glen W. Hopkins, Training and Research Manager
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