

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR COMPLAINTS OF EXCESSIVE FORCE OR POLICE BRUTALITY. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT INTENDED TO DISCOURAGE LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS IN FACT THE VALIDITY OF A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION DEPENDS UPON TIMELY AND TRUTHFUL INFORMATION.

Maryland Code, Public Safety Article, 3-104 (C) (1) (I-IV), (C)(2)

A complaint against a law enforcement officer, alleging brutality in the execution of his/her duties, may not be investigated unless the complaint **be signed and duly sworn to**, under penalty of perjury by: the aggrieved individual; a member of the aggrieved individual's immediate family; an individual with firsthand knowledge obtained because the individual was present at and observed the alleged incident, or, has a video recording of the incident; or, by the parent or guardian in the case of the minor child, if the alleged incident involves a minor child. An investigation which could lead to disciplinary action under this subtitle for brutality may not be initiated and an action may not be taken unless **the complaint is filed within 366 days of the alleged brutality.**

Maryland Code, Public Safety Article, 3-113

Any person who knowingly makes a false statement, report or complaint in the course of an investigation or any proceeding conducted under the provisions of this subtitle is subject to the same penalties as provided in **Maryland Criminal Law Article, Subsection 9-501.**

Maryland Criminal Law Article, Subsection 9-501

Any person who makes a false statement, report or complaint, or who causes a false statement, report or complaint to be made, to any peace or police officer of any county, city, or other political subdivision of this State, knowing the same, or any material part thereof to be false and with intent to deceive and with intent to cause an investigation or other action to be taken as a result thereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or be imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both.

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR COMPLAINTS OF
EXCESSIVE FORCE OR POLICE BRUTALITY**

I do solemnly declare and affirm under penalty of-perjury that I have read or have had read to me the foregoing laws pertaining to this complaint and that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)