



**COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY**

MEMORANDUM

Colorado State Patrol
Chief, Lonnie J. Westphal

DATE: August 26, 2002
TO: Major Michael King
FROM: Captain Brian Wheeler *BW*
SUBJECT: Complaint #02-04-102 - [REDACTED]

On July 26, 2002, [REDACTED] contacted Corporal Dean Garcia to complain that the interior of his vehicle was destroyed when his brother was arrested by Trooper Aaron Laing early that morning. Corporal Garcia immediately conducted a preliminary inquiry into the allegation.

Corporal Garcia verbally reported to me that Trooper Laing, Deputy McClellan and Deputy Roberts (Mesa County Sheriff's Department) all indicated the interior had been trashed prior to the vehicle being searched after the arrest of [REDACTED] brother. Corporal Garcia re-contacted [REDACTED] and advised him of the preliminary findings. [REDACTED] disagreed with Corporal Garcia. Corporal Garcia advised [REDACTED] he could file a formal complaint and mailed the CSP 159 to the complainant.

As of this date, the CSP 159 or a formal statement has not been received from [REDACTED]. Based on the results of the preliminary inquiry conducted by Corporal Garcia and the lack of cooperation from [REDACTED] I would like to terminate this complaint investigation. Based on the statements in the preliminary inquiry, I have determined Trooper Laing's conduct was appropriate. The condition of the vehicle's interior had been previously trashed by other people.

The complaint disposition should be considered as Unfounded.

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Complaint entered into
IA system but did
not print out as IA.
Case Summary

[Signature]