



# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Dear Mr. Sharp,

On behalf of the Baltimore Police Department, we would like to express our sincere regret and apologize for the unfortunate events that you reported took place on May 15, 2010. As an agency, we would like to apologize to you for any inconvenience, loss or damages you believe you suffered as a result of those events and the subsequent litigation. We are also deeply saddened and troubled by the fact that as a result of these events you have indicated that you have lost your trust in the police. We would like to personally assure you that we are working tirelessly to regain your trust. As part of that effort, the Baltimore Police Department is committed to instituting best practices and ensuring that the constitutional rights of its citizenry is protected. To that end, we have worked with your attorneys, the ACLU and the Justice Department to develop and implement a police recording policy and training that will be the bench mark for law enforcement agencies throughout the country. While we understand that this may not fully regain your trust, we hope you will see this as a significant step.

The Baltimore Police Department is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards. We assure you that we are committed to making its members cognizant of the fact that, in the performance of their duties, they are representatives of the Baltimore Police Department and the City of Baltimore, as well as the law enforcement community as a whole, and ensuring that they act, accordingly.

Sincerely,

Anthony W. Batts, Commissioner  
Baltimore Police Department