

# United States Senate

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Mr. Steven William Sutcliffe  
1054 South Bedford Street  
Los Angeles, California 90035

Dear Mr. Sutcliffe:

Thank you for your letter requesting my assistance with regards to the Los Angeles Police Department. I regret the delay in getting back to you.

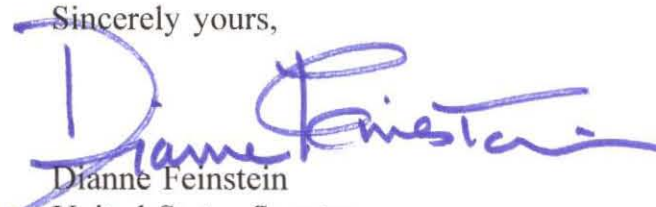
However, this issue falls under the jurisdiction of the police department and not the federal government. The police unit's function is to investigate complaints from citizens. Therefore, if you have not already done so, you may want to contact the Chief of Police, who can refer your complaint and comments on to the appropriate unit.

If you fail to get a response within a reasonable period of time (responses which require investigation sometimes take two to three months), or if you feel that the police department's response is inadequate, please get in touch with your City Council representative. Because the police department is within the city government, the City Council also shares the responsibility for ensuring that the department performs its job according to the standards that the public expects of it. An expression of concern about your complaint from a member of the Council could probably be helpful.

I appreciate your coming to me for help. If there is any way in the future I can assist you on problems with the federal government, I hope you will contact me.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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