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January 7, 2002

Chief Mark Angelo  
Fruita Police Department  
P.O. Box 741  
Fruita, CO 81521

RE: Complaint against Officer Telford

Dear Chief Angelo:

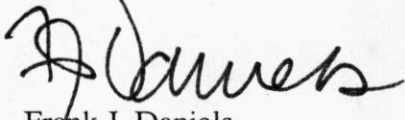
Pursuant to your memorandum of December 13, 2001, this office investigated allegations made by citizens against Officer Bobby Telford. Investigator Bill Booth was the investigator assigned to the investigation. Investigator Booth completed his investigation and on December 26, 2001, forwarded to me a report. I have discussed his findings with several other members of this office.

I thought this was a pretty close call. I realize that officers are subject to the normal stressors that apply to all members of our society, but Officer Telford, in my opinion, acted inappropriately on the date in question. However, we do not feel this to be an appropriate case for the filing of criminal charges. We felt that this is a matter more appropriately handled by the Fruita Police Department and/or the Civilian Review Board in the City of Fruita. It was essentially Investigator Booth's opinion that the complaining witnesses were honest in what they reported and that Officer Telford was somewhat less than completely forthcoming. Considering the facts that Officer Telford has a good reputation for being even-handed and even-tempered, that this incident lasted just a few minutes, and that no one really suffered any injuries, we felt that filing of criminal charges would be an excessive response. I am attaching a copy of the report for your use and information.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Daniels", written over a horizontal line.

Frank J. Daniels  
District Attorney

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cc: Investigator William Booth  
Sean Wigman  
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Grand Junction, CO 81503

Enclosure