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The Honorable Anthony G. Brown
c/o Patrick B. Hughes, Chief Counsel, Opinions & Advice
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Dear Attorney General Brown and Mr. Hughes:

I write on behalf of the Caroline County Administrative Charging Committee (the "CCACC") to request an opinion from your office regarding whether a complaint alleging police misconduct involving a member of the public filed pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Public Safety §§ 3-102 or 3-103 may be withdrawn once filed with a law enforcement agency.

As more fully set forth in the memoranda enclosed herewith, the Caroline County Attorney's opinion is that such complaints, once filed with a law enforcement agency, must be investigated, and turned over to the appropriate Administrative Charging Committee once completed.

On behalf of the CCACC, I thank you for your attention to and consideration of this matter and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Travis Breeding, President County Commissioners

Enclosure

cc: Stewart Barroll, County Attorney
Mary Berneski, County Paralegal
Kim Raeder, PAB Administrator