

# LA police officer wants Riverside inquiry to advance

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A Los Angeles police sergeant says he is trying to expedite an investigation of what he calls "fraudulent" misconduct charges against him by the Riverside Police Department.

Wayne K. Guillary has asked his superiors to look into the incident, which he claims resulted from racial profiling, in front of his Riverside home three months ago.

He also wants to see a crime report that he said accuses him of resisting arrest.

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William Bratton

Guillary, 52, is black. He has filed a damage claim against the city of Riverside for more than \$5 million, contending violation of his rights, trespassing on his property and intentional infliction of emotional harm.

Guillary said his area captain confirmed receiving a crime report from Riverside police, but that Guillary wasn't privy to it until the department of internal affairs investigated.

Guillary sent a letter Jan. 5 to Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton asking to learn the status of the complaint and when and how he could address the accusations made in it.

Officer Julie Sohn, a spokeswoman for the LAPD, said in an e-mail Thursday that the department doesn't comment on litigation.

On Friday, Riverside Police Chief Russ Leach said internal affairs is investigating, but that he couldn't comment on a personnel matter.

"He (Guillary) is driving the publicity. He's a sworn peace officer for another agency. We have to protect the rights of the officers involved."

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Wayne K. Guillary

"I want to see justice," Guillary said. "I want to see change in the way the RPD deals with the community."

Guillary alleges that on Oct. 7, in front of his million-dollar home, a police officer accused him of trespassing, roughed him up, threatened to shock him with a Taser, forced him to the ground at gunpoint, and later filed a false report.

Guillary wasn't arrested but said he plans to sue within the next few months.

Riverside City Attorney Greg Priamos said the city doesn't think Guillary's claim had merit and plans to reject it.

A week after the incident, Guillary's supervisor shared snippets of the Riverside police report, which said he balled his fist and assumed a fighting stance -- all false, Guillary said.

In his letter to Bratton, Guillary said it appears LAPD is delaying justice by covering up a civil rights violation, stonewalling and whitewashing an investigation that's a case of blatant racism and racial profiling.

"I'm sure both LAPD and RPD just want it to go away," he said. "I want to see meaningful change."

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