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**Formal Misconduct Complaint (Penal Code § 832.5) against Deputies Shin (#6189) and Rivera (#5341)**

**Incident Details:**

- **Agency Case Number:** 260004258
- **Date/Time:** April 30, 2026, 19:34 hours
- **Location:** El Colegio Road & Camino Pescadero

**Nature of Complaint:**

I am filing a formal complaint regarding severe misconduct, unlawful arrest, and the falsification of government records committed by Deputies Shin and Rivera. I was unlawfully detained without probable cause after voluntarily pulling my vehicle over.

Specifically, I am requesting a formal investigation into the following policy violations:

1. **Unlawful Detention and Excessive Force:** The deputies escalated a non-criminal encounter into a custodial arrest without legal justification, violating my Fourth Amendment rights.

2. **Violation of SBSO Policy 510 (Vehicle Towing):** The deputies impounded my vehicle without a valid "community caretaking" need, refusing my request to have the vehicle safely picked up by a third party.

3. **Falsification of Records (SBSO Policy 340.3.6):** Deputy Shin falsified my booking documents and Citation #AS363045, falsely claiming that I was "Cite Released" at 22:15 hours. In reality, I was incarcerated in a jail cell overnight for 14 hours. This constitutes an intentional falsification of records designed to deceive , which must be reported to POST under Penal Code § 13510.8.

4. **First Amendment Retaliation:** Deputies unlawfully seized my private, privileged legal mail (a USPS box containing complaints against another agency) during the arrest.

I expect a thorough investigation into this matter and request written notification of the disposition of this complaint pursuant to California Penal Code § 832.7.

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