

Dear Sir/Madam,

Attached please find a detailed account of the incident in question. As noted, this account was also submitted to the District 2 commander, Capt. Kevin Reardon, via e-mail. I am resubmitting the same account and list of requests to Internal Affairs Section (IAS) for the purpose of formally tracking this complaint.

In addition to the requests for information listed in my original account, I also request the following:

- A copy of the code section or operating procedure authorizing officers in Arlington County to collect and report information about individuals and/or groups who are witnessed photographing 3701 N. Fairfax Dr. or other such locations.
- A comprehensive list of locations within Arlington County that 1) may not be photographed and 2) display no indicators to this effect.

Military and intelligence installations, for example, may not be photographed, but these restrictions are typically very clearly posted. Buildings such as the one at 3701 N. Fairfax Dr. may not be photographed (according to this officer), but there are no signs or other available public warnings. There are no fences or other barriers that might lead one to the logical conclusion that this building should not be photographed. Prior to my being stopped, there was no visible security patrol operating in the area, though they did materialize during my questioning.

Individuals such as myself who wish to photograph architecture, landmarks, and other sites of interest in and around Arlington--always taking great care to photograph from public vantage points, as opposed to private or otherwise restricted property--deserve to be made aware of any legal restrictions affecting our right to do so. I, like most citizens, have no desire to run afoul of the law. Nor do I wish to establish a "record" with the Arlington County police, or any law enforcement agency. Incidents such as this, in which the only possible way to avoid a confrontation with the law would be to forsake casual photography within Arlington County entirely, result in a Catch-22 for otherwise law-abiding individuals and groups. The only means by which we can be made aware of a restriction is to commit an offense.

I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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