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Mr. Otha Thurmond  
 2120 Swift Street  
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Dear Mr. Thurmond,

On behalf of the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB), I extend our sincerest apologies for the appalling experience you encountered with the Memphis Police Department. I must also apologize for the delay in getting this letter to you.

Upon review of your complaint, we found the behavior of the officers who arrested you to be unprofessional, if not horrifying. It was clear that as a concerned citizen you were trying to understand a situation in your neighborhood, where you have always tried to make sure that everything was in order. When you approached the officers, we could see that you were simply in search of information. However, instead of getting answers, you were met by two individuals who did not understand your neighborhood's culture, who were disrespectful to you, one of our precious resources, our "Senior Citizens."

Our goal as CLERB members is to help bring complaints by the citizens of Memphis out into the open to reveal injustices that people face. We are grateful that you brought this case to our attention, and we hope that you will accept this letter expressing our sympathies. Thank you for being a strong force in your community and a concerned citizen. We appreciate you and your proactive behavior in trying to keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,

  
 Casey Bryant, Esq.  
 Chair of the CLERB