

**AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION  
RACIAL PROFILING COMPLAINT FORM**

Tell us about your race or ethnicity based traffic, pedestrian or shopping incident. By filling out this form you are helping the American Civil Liberties Union collect much-needed data about the prevalence, patterns, and characteristics of racial profiling by state, county and local police agencies. Please be assured that all personal information collected will be kept strictly confidential on request.

We cannot promise you that the information you provide will lead to any specific action on the ACLU's part. But it is possible that you may receive a request from the ACLU or one of its state affiliates to use the information you have provided for one or more of the following purposes: (1) legislative testimony; (2) litigation; or (3) telling your story to the media. We will not do so without your permission.

**INFORMATION ABOUT YOU (not required, but very helpful)**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact info (e-mail, pager, mobile, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE RACIAL PROFILING INCIDENT**

Type of incident:  Traffic  Pedestrian  Shopping  Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

City & state of incident: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

If traffic stop, describe the vehicle you were driving, including the make, model, year, and state of registration.

Describe the events of the incident with as much detail as possible. What were you doing when approached by an officer? Where exactly were you (e.g., sidewalk, highway, in front of a building)? If traffic stop, what were your travel plans (point of origin & destination)?

Were you searched or questioned? Was your ID, license and registration checked?

Were you cited, ticketed, given a warning, or arrested? For what? What was the result?

If you refused a search, did the officer take additional action? If you consented to a search, what happened? Was anything found (e.g. illegal contraband such as weapons or drugs)?

What agency was the officer affiliated with (i.e. local police, state trooper, etc.)? Can you list names of the officer(s) who stopped you and/or names of witnesses?

Do you believe you were targeted based on constitutionally-protected characteristics such as your race or national origin? Did the officer specifically say or do anything to make you believe race played a role?

If yes, please indicate your race or national origin and explain the basis for this belief.

Did you make a complaint to anyone about this incident?

If yes, to whom did you make the complaint? What was the response?

If you were not searched, cited or ticketed, was an explanation given for why you were stopped or approached?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, what was the explanation given?

If traffic stop, were there any passengers in the vehicle in which you were riding or driving?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, were they also questioned or searched?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain in more detail, including names and addresses if appropriate.

How long were you engaged with the officer? Did the incident significantly disrupt your plans?

How has this made you feel?

Are you doing anything differently now?

**USES OF THIS REPORT:** We may use your report to advocate legislative measures that will protect individuals from racial profiling and to identify jurisdictions where we may challenge racial profiling in court. It is possible that you may receive a request from the ACLU or one of its state affiliates to use the information you have provided for one or more of the following purposes: (1) legislative testimony; (2) litigation; or (3) telling your story to the media. We will not do so without your permission.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this form.

Please mail or fax this form to the ACLU at:

**ACLU of North Carolina  
Racial Justice Project  
P.O. Box 28004  
Raleigh, NC 27611**

An online version of this complaint may be found on the ACLU's Freedom Network Website at <http://www.aclu.org/forms/trafficstops.html>