



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

POLICE DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS, FRANKLIN SQUARE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

CHARLES H. RAMSEY
Commissioner

November 23, 2011

Dear Mr. Lewis

RE: Unauthorized Use of Philadelphia Police Uniform and Insignia

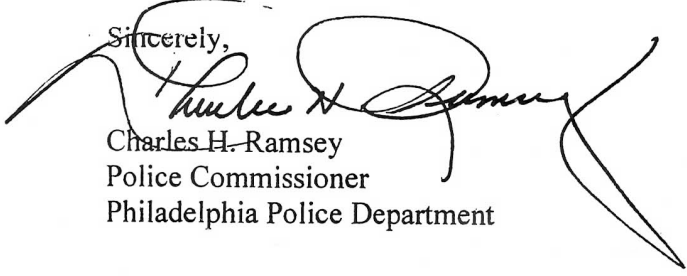
Mr. Lewis:

While the Philadelphia Police Department supports your First Amendment rights, those rights do not extend to the improper and/or illegal use of the official uniform of the Philadelphia Police Department. It has come to my attention that you were recently observed improperly wearing an official Philadelphia Police Department uniform with the indicia that you somehow represented the Philadelphia Police Department. Please be aware that I found this conduct to be disrespectful to all the current and former members of the Philadelphia Police Department that serve or have served the City of Philadelphia with honor and integrity.

That said, be advised that, as a retired police captain, you or no other retiree have any authority or license, express or implied, to wear the official uniform of the Philadelphia Police Department, any official badges, including personally owned facsimiles thereof or to wear, possess or display the protected official insignia of the Philadelphia Police Department.

This is your notice to immediately cease and desist wearing, using or otherwise displaying any official Philadelphia Police Department Uniform, badges or facsimiles thereof or any official Departmental insignia. Be advised that I am prepared to take any and all necessary actions to protect the honor and integrity of the Philadelphia Police Department.

Sincerely,


Charles H. Ramsey
Police Commissioner
Philadelphia Police Department