

February 20, 2004

Sheriff Bob Doyle  
Riverside County Sheriff - Coroner  
4095 Lemon Avenue  
Riverside, California 92501

RE: Colorado River Disputed Area  
Law Enforcement Policy

Dear Sheriff Doyle:

I have reason to believe that my landlord, the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT), may attempt an unlawful eviction upon me and my personal property, and even attempt to destroy or confiscate my personal property. I hold a valid permit for this land, the permit was issued by CRIT, and I have held the permit for \_\_\_ years.

As you are aware, the civil dispute between area residents and CRIT has remained unresolved due to the tribe's invocation of their sovereign immunity. I am not asking the Sheriff to take sides in our civil dispute, but I am asking the Sheriff to uphold California criminal law.

I need your assurance that the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) understands that attempted evictions of permittees by CRIT in the Disputed Area require due process. And due process requires that CRIT must, under California law (in accordance with PL280), refrain from engaging in a criminal violation to remove a tenant by self help and/or by way of an invalid and "illegal" citizens arrest; and instead obtain a court order (from a court of competent jurisdiction; i.e. federal or state court) to force an eviction.

I also need your assurance that the deputies who may respond to my call for assistance will understand that any attempts by CRIT or their agents to confiscate or destroy my personal property will result in the arrest of those that may be participating in such activities.

I would very much appreciate a quick response to this serious and urgent matter.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Your Name Here

cc: Capt. Dan Ison, RCSD Blythe Station  
Riverside County Supervisor Roy Wilson  
West Bank Homeowners Assn