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## CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE UNION

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Dr. Wilfredo Nieves  
President  
Capital Community College  
950 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

July 30, 2015

**Re: Arrest of Associate Professor Minati Roychoudhuri**

Dear Dr. Nieves,

This letter is to inform you of a recent incident of abusive and improper conduct involving your employee, Associate Professor Minati Roychoudhuri, which led to her arrest on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. As Connecticut State Troopers, we take great pride in our duties and are willing to sacrifice our lives to protect the rights and lives of others. We understand we are vulnerable to physical and verbal attacks from the criminal element and others in our society whose sole purpose is to disrupt law enforcement. However, we do not tolerate actions of a professor, from a well-respected college, whose motivation is to tarnish the reputation and career of a State Trooper by making false accusations of racial discrimination.

On May 26, 2015, Associate Professor Roychoudhuri drafted the attached letter to Commissioner Dora Schriro, Senator Mae Flexer and Representative Gregg Haddad, alleging a Trooper had illegally "racially profiled" her during a motor vehicle stop. She also identified herself as a Professor at Capital Community College and stated, "I teach about diversity and the negative impact of racial profiling; I have now become a target of the same insidious behavior." Subsequently, Associate Professor Roychoudhuri provided a sworn written statement alleging the same illegal conduct by our Trooper.

Following a thorough investigation by the Office of Professional Standards, which the State's Attorney's office reviewed and agreed to prosecute, Associate Professor Roychoudhuri was arrested for violation of CGS: 53a-157(b), False Statement in the Second Degree. The video recording of the motor vehicle stop proved Associate Professor Roychoudhuri knowingly and deliberately made a false complaint of racial discrimination.

The State Police Union believes the character and integrity of any professor should be of the highest standard. As a result, we are requesting a public apology from the Capital Community College on behalf of Associate Professor Roychoudhuri. Furthermore, we insist that as her employer you hold her accountable for her illegal and malicious actions.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. If you would like to discuss this concern further, please contact me at 203.232.2332. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Matthews".

Andrew Matthews, Esq.  
President, Connecticut State Police Union  
Chairman, National Troopers Coalition

C: Commissioner Dora Schriro  
Colonel Brian Meraviglia  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 28, 2015

## RACIAL PROFILING COMPLAINT LEADS TO ARREST

On May 9, 2015, a State Trooper conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 5/15 in Wethersfield. As a result of the motor vehicle stop the operator was issued an infraction for Unsafe Lane Change.

Subsequent to the motor vehicle stop, the motor vehicle operator wrote a complaint letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) alleging she was stopped and issued the infraction based upon the illegal practice of racial profiling.

The Connecticut State Police Internal Affairs office investigated the allegations against the Trooper and concluded that statements provided by the accused were false and the Trooper was exonerated on all charges.

Based upon the nature of the complaint, a criminal investigation was initiated into the operator's allegations and an arrest warrant was applied for and granted by the Hartford Superior Court.

On July 28, 2015, at approximately 10:15 a.m., motor vehicle operator, Minati Roychoudhuri, turned herself in to Troop H-Hartford on the active arrest warrant.

Minati Roychoudhuri was processed and released on a non-surety bond.

ARRESTED: Minati Roychoudhuri  
7 Fieldstone Dr.  
Storrs, CT

CHARGES: False Statement 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

COURT: Hartford Superior Court  
August 14, 2015

BOND: \$1,000.00 non-surety

###END###  
TFC Kelly Grant

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

To  
The Commissioner of Public Safety  
10 Clinton St, Hartford,  
CT 06106

From  
Minati Roychoudhuri  
7 Fieldstone Drive  
Storrs, CT 06268.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was travelling to Wethersfield on Route 15/5 to attend a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May. I was on the left lane on route 15 and had to take exit 85 from route 15. After the Brainard Airport exit, and after the merging lane ended, I signaled and went to the right lane to take exit 85. An unmarked police car with flashing light stopped me on the ramp after I had taken the exit. The policeman asked me if I could speak English and if I knew why he had stopped me. I said, "yes" to speaking English and "no" to why he had stopped me. He then asked me for my driver's license and registration. He returned with an envelope and said that I could simply mail in the infraction (case# 1500267822)

The officer did not give me any reason as to why he had stopped me. His asking me if I could speak in English shows that he had racially profiled me and was not able to give me a concrete reason for stopping me. Further, the officer had checked "Hispanic" in the race category in the infraction ticket.

I am a Professor in English at Capital Community College, I teach about diversity and the negative impact of racial profiling; I have now become a target of the same insidious behavior! It is easy to connect the dots with the nationwide racial profiling which has lead to serious consequences.

I request that my infraction charges be dropped and action be taken against the officer. I have talked with the Senator and Legislator of my constituency regarding this matter and I am sending a copy of this letter to them as well.

Thanking you in advance,  
Sincerely,

 5/26/15

Minati Roychoudhuri

CC: Representative Gregg Haddad, Storrs Mansfield

Senator Mae Flexer, Storrs, Mansfield