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OVIEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Andrew L. Seidel  
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Dear Mr. Seidel:

I am in receipt of your response to my letter dated July 5, 2016.

I appreciate your specific reference of the U.S. Supreme Court opinions. Since you rely on the First Amendment, I am sure you know also protects the free exercise of religion.

It is an interesting dichotomy that the First Amendment clearly protects the free exercise of religion and prohibits the governing from establishing a religion, yet it is the interpretation of those words that cause you to question the intentions and practice of the Oviedo Police Department. As you are well aware, the interpretations of the Constitution and the Amendments are fluid and dynamic depending who sits on the Court. This is most evident with ruling regarding the Fourth Amendment over the years and the changing ebbs and flows of the make-up of the Court.

In addition, in my visit to the Chambers of the U.S. Supreme Court in November 2009, I did notice, hanging on the wall, the Ten Commandments. I find that extremely interesting noting the ruling you cite.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Chudnow".

Jeffrey Chudnow  
Chief of Police  
Oviedo Police Department