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## **VoterGA Exposes False Fox 5 Atlanta I-Team Report**

ATLANTA GA – VoterGA has sent a [letter](#) Fox 5 TV News Director Mike McClain providing precise details to support its claim that a “recent I-Team news story on no knock searches and State Senator Mike Crane contained **false and distorted information from the instant it started until the second it finished.**”

The letter labelled the I-Team report claims that “no-knock” searches are legal in Georgia as “blatantly false”. For proof, it cites Georgia law [\[O.C.G.A. 17-5-27\]](#) that requires officers to issue a “**verbal notice** or an attempt in **good faith** to give verbal notice before entering a residence.”

The letter also contended that the I-Team report was a “politically motivated hit piece” that distorted comments made by State Senator Mike Crane. The caption, lead-in and dialogue all contained **distortions** that led listeners to believe a ridiculously false assertion that he would intentionally target and shoot police.

The VoterGA letter also cited false conclusions by Dale Russell that led listeners to believe they need not worry about no-knock searches because an officer is required to swear out a warrant before a judge before it is issued. VoterGa cited the cases where David Hooks of Dublin was murdered and baby Bou Bou Phonesavanh of Habersham County was maimed in break-ins by police where search warrants were inappropriately issued but the officers and judges were **not prosecuted**.

The letter went even further to explain that the Fox 5 TV news staff should have been **fully aware of the truth** about “no knock” searches before it produced the report. VoterGa had issued educational press releases that were sent to all news media outlets a year earlier during the time when a controversy erupted over the attempt to legalize “no knock” searches in Georgia for the first time in its history. That controversy was reported by Fox 5 TV’s main rivals in the Atlanta market.

VoterGA expressed regrets for “investigating the investigation” but explained the need to do so. A 2015 in depth [study](#) found that at least **171 Georgians have been killed by law enforcement officials, none of whom were prosecuted**. That award winning [investigative series](#) found many of the victims killed had no criminal record, were unarmed, shot in the back or murdered after officers broke into their homes. “Misrepresentations” spread by the I-Team could lead Georgia further toward a police state and martial law where there is a **ruling class of elite** that are **unaccountable** to the citizens for any crimes they may commit.