

**U.S. Department of Justice**

Criminal Division

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*Washington, DC 20530-0001*

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George High  
700 Atlanta Ave, #821  
Decatur, GA 30030

Dear Mr. High:

Thank you for your letter to the Attorney General. We have been asked to respond on his behalf. Please understand that the Department can assume jurisdiction only when there has been a violation of a federal criminal statute. While we appreciate your interest in obtaining federal assistance, it appears from the information you have provided that this matter is an issue of State jurisdiction. According to the Constitution, federal officials may intervene only in matters in which a violation of federal law may have occurred.

Absent jurisdiction by this Department, some options you may have are that you: (1) retain the services of a private attorney; (2) pursue this matter at the State or local level; or (3) seek guidance from your local legal aid organization.

Thank you for writing to the Attorney General.

Sincerely,

Correspondence Management Staff  
Office of Administration