



U.S. Department of Justice

Criminal Division

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Mr. Khalid Elhassan  
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Dear Mr. Elhassan:

Thank you for your letter to the Assistant Attorney General. He has asked me to respond to you on his behalf regarding your concern about corruption in your community. The Department of Justice prosecutes cases against public officials who violate the federal criminal laws. Before an investigation can be initiated, there has to be specific and credible evidence that a public official may have committed a crime. If such evidence exists, an investigative agency, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), commences an investigation. If the investigation turns up sufficient evidence, the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice, or the United States Attorney's Office in the District, prosecutes the case.

We appreciate your concern about corruption in your community, and you having taken the time to communicate these concerns to us. However, based on your letter, the events you describe do not appear to constitute a federal crime. If you believe that you have specific evidence that a federal crime has been committed, we suggest that you contact the local office of the FBI. The number can be found in your telephone directory.

The Assistant Attorney General appreciates the confidence which prompted you to write him.

Sincerely,

Correspondence Management Staff  
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