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Mr. George W. High, Sr.
700 Atlanta Avenue, #821
Decatur, GA 30030

Dear Mr. High:

This is in response to your letter post marked April 21, 2009, in which you allege that you and your wife, Ms. Virginia High, were wrongfully convicted in 1993. You further allege that this conviction was due to prosecutorial misconduct and racial bias. Furthermore, you request that your conviction be vacated.

The Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division is responsible for enforcing federal criminal civil rights statutes. Much of our enforcement activity relates to the investigation and prosecution of deprivations of civil rights under color of law. These matters generally involve allegations of excessive physical force or sexual abuse by law enforcement officers.

We have carefully reviewed the information which you furnished. However, based on the information which you provided, we have determined that your complaint does not involve a prosecutable violation of federal criminal civil rights statutes. Accordingly, we are unable to assist you at this time.

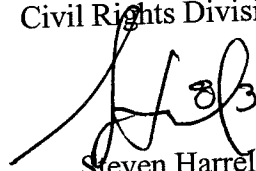
Furthermore, please note that federal criminal civil rights laws have a five year statute of limitations from the date of the incident.

Inasmuch as believe that you and your wife have been the victims of prosecutorial misconduct, we can only suggest that you contact your local bar association to determine whether they may be able to assist you.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Kappelhoff
Section Chief
Criminal Section
Civil Rights Division

By:

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