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documents submitted to the FBI field office in Louisville

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To: Connie Marshall <conniecmarshall@gmail.com>

Ms. Marshall:

Thank you for contacting the Legislative Ethics Commission regarding the documentation mailed to Rep. Attica Scott. The documents include allegations of wrongdoing by several people and organizations, including the Louisville Metro Police Department.

From my review of the documents and correspondence, it's clear that you have properly submitted the documentation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) field office in Louisville. I agree with your action in submitting the information to the FBI, because that is exactly the correct public agency to investigate the allegations made in the documents. The FBI is an independent federal law enforcement agency, and will conduct a thorough investigation if the agents see credible evidence of wrongdoing.

Once a matter like this has been submitted to the FBI, as you have correctly done, the state legislative ethics law prohibits a member of the General Assembly from any involvement. The law does not allow state legislators to attempt to influence law enforcement investigations because it's crucial that such investigations are conducted free of outside influence.

Now that the matter is in the hands of the FBI, I have informed Rep. Scott that the Code of Legislative Ethics prohibits her from any involvement in this situation. This is a law enforcement issue that is being reviewed by a federal agency, and neither Rep. Scott nor any other legislator should attempt to influence the review of this matter.

Again, I thank you for contacting the Legislative Ethics Commission, and for properly taking this matter to the independent federal law enforcement agents at the FBI.

Best regards,

John Schaaf

Legislative Ethics Commission