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Walter Tuvell
836 Main St.
Reading, MA 01867

Re: Your letter dated June 8, 2019

Dear Mr. Tuvell,

Our office is in receipt of your correspondence dated June 8, 2019 regarding your alleged complaint against Andrew Lelling.

The U.S. Attorney's Office is not an investigative agency and is not in a position to investigate your allegations. This office does not represent individuals in matters or lawsuits you may wish to bring against another person, company or government agency.

This office prosecutes federal criminal offenses and represents the United States of America in certain civil matters. The U.S. Attorney represents the United States of America and its agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Interior or the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This office also represents the United States of America in criminal matters filed against individual or corporate defendants.

Almost all complaints or allegations of crime made to our office get referred to another agency for investigation. Your complaint will be more efficiently processed if you go directly to the appropriate agency. For a listing of local addresses of federal agencies, visit <http://www.justice.gov/usao/ma/reportacrime/index.html>.

The U.S. Attorney's Office cannot give legal help or advice to individuals. However, a private attorney or legal aid office may be able to assist you. The Boston or Massachusetts Bar Association may be able to refer you to an attorney that specializes in these types of matters. You can reach the Boston Bar Association's attorney referral service at (617) 742-0625 and the Massachusetts Bar Association's attorney referral service at (617) 654-0400. The Massachusetts Bar Association also has a website for more information on attorney services at <http://www.masslawhelp.com>.

If you cannot afford an attorney, there are some services that provide free or low cost legal representation. For referrals to Boston-area free and low-cost legal services, please call the Legal Advocacy and Resource Center's hotline at (800) 342-LAWS or (800) 342-5297 or visit their website at <http://www.larcma.org>.

Your correspondence will be kept on file at our office for 1 year.

Report a crime or emergency.

If you think a crime has been committed or you are in immediate danger, you should contact your nearest law enforcement office. In the instance of an emergency, please dial 911.

Victim Assistance.

If you are a victim of a crime, you may be eligible to receive assistance. If you are the victim of a federal crime in Massachusetts contact the U.S. Attorney's Office at (617) 748-3100. Dial o for the operation and ask to speak to a Victim Witness Specialist.

For state crime matters, contact the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance at (617) 586-1340 or <http://mova.state.ma.us/>.

For a listing of other victim services, visit the U.S. Attorney's Office website at <http://www.justice.gov/usao/ma/vwa.html>.

Instructions for filing/contacting federal, state or local courts.

The U.S. Attorney's Office cannot file a motion, notice or complaint with a court for you. You need to contact the appropriate court directly to make a filing.

To make a filing with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, contact the Court Clerk's Office at (617) 748-9152. If you are representing yourself in Court (also called pro se), the District Court has additional resources at their website.

<http://www.mad.uscourts.gov/general/prose-litigants.htm>

There are multiple District, Superior, Probate and Family and Housing Courts for the state of Massachusetts. You need to contact the appropriate court directly to receive instructions on how to file.

- Boston Municipal Court Department – (617) 788-8700
- District Court Department – (617) 788-8810
- Housing Court Department – (617) 788-8485
- Juvenile Court Department – (617) 788-6550
- Land Court Department – (617) 788-7470
- Probate and Family Court Department – (617) 788-6600
- Superior Court Department – (617) 788-8130

For a full listing of contact information for these Courts, visit <http://www.mass.gov/courts/contactus.html>

Business Fraud/Complaint.

The U.S. Attorney's Office cannot give legal help or advice to individuals, however we suggest that you contact the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Division at (617) 727-8400 and the Better Business Bureau nearest to the address of the business you want to file a complaint about. To look up the contact information for your nearest Better Business Bureau, visit <http://www.bbb.org/>.

Sincerely,

T.M.
Duty Paralegal