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U. S. Department of Justice
Office of Administration
Correspondence Management Staff
Criminal Division
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 10530-0001

Dear Correspondence Management Staff,

Please excuse this awkward salutation but your letter dated February 26, 2016 is not signed by anyone in particular. In fact, it ends like this: "Sincerely, Correspondence Management Staff Office of Administration". Is this how Attorney General Lynch instructed you to respond to our letter of January 8, 2016 which included personally filed complaints from 53 family members of victims of police crimes?

There was no address or phone number on your letter to which we could reply, so we are sending this to the general address of the Department in hopes that it finds you.

We submitted along with our January 8, 2016 letter to AG Lynch over 250 pages of complaints and documents that clearly demonstrate a practice and pattern of discrimination and police crimes of violence, murder and torture perpetrated against Black people and Latinos. We have duly and properly submitted these complaints to the U.S. Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney here in Chicago and we raised specifically the question of the violation of federal criminal statutes by Chicago police officers.

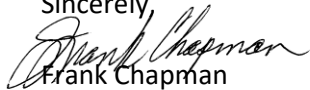
Therefore, we find your letter in response to our concerns both insensitive and inadequate. We are convinced that we have provided your department with sufficient information, documentation and individual complaints regarding police crimes and torture for the Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney here in Chicago to commence FBI investigations into the crimes alleged in them.

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I wish we could have more confidence in the local FBI and U. S. Attorney in Chicago, but we do not. We cannot forget that we filed the first letter to then U. S. Attorney Eric Holder on Thursday, August 28, 2014, signed by most of the people filing complaints formally in December last year and January this year. Less than a week later, on Wednesday September 3, U.S. Attorney Zachary Fardon called a news conference to declare that the Chicago Police Department is the “front line partner” of the Justice Department in efforts to “reduce violent crime” in the city. This was a day after DOJ Spokesperson Molly Moran said in Washington, in an official statement, that “We do not have any investigations into the Chicago Police Department as far as I can tell.”

We thank you in advancer for what we anticipate will be a serious response to these complaints and the request for a criminal investigation.

Sincerely,


Frank Chapman