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Correspondence on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

From: **Ministerial Correspondence Unit - Mailout** (mcu2@justice.gc.ca)

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To: anthonyjasich1b@hotmail.com

Dear Mr. Jasich:

On behalf of the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence concerning the legal situation of Mr. Harold Gaffney. I regret the delay in responding.

As Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Minister Nicholson is mandated to provide legal advice only to the federal government. I hope you will understand that, for this reason, he is not able to provide legal advice to members of the public or to become involved in matters of a private nature. Similarly, neither departmental officials nor members of his staff are in a position to help resolve personal legal issues.

I note your allegations of fraud. If you believe that a criminal offence has been committed, you may wish to bring the matter to the attention of your local police; it will be for them to investigate the matter and determine whether charges should be laid.

As you know, the administration of justice, including the prosecution of *Criminal Code* offences and property disputes, is the responsibility of the provincial governments. I note from your correspondence that you have already contacted the office of the Attorney General of British Columbia, who is the appropriate authority to address your concerns.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

L. Bisson
Manager
Ministerial Correspondence Unit
