



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Attorney General

Richmond 23219

900 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
804 - 786 - 2071
804 - 371 - 8946 TDD

March 30, 2005

Mr. Ron Jagannathan
1520 NorthGate Square #22
Reston, VA 20190

Dear Mr. Jagannathan:

I am in receipt of the facsimile you forwarded to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Office of the Attorney General, dated February 21, 2005, regarding your concerns about the conduct of Mr. Robert Machen and his alleged violations of Federal and local statutes. Please understand that the authority and jurisdiction of this Office are limited by statute. The Attorney General's Office functions primarily as a law firm for state government. In this capacity, it advises state officials and represents the various state agencies and departments.

Although this Office is not fully aware of all the particular facts of your case, it is apparent that the issues you raise involve matters that are subject to Federal and local authority. Pursuant to §§ 15.2-1626 and 15.2-1627 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth's Attorney is statutorily authorized to prosecute any state or local crimes that occur within his jurisdiction. This Office stands ready to, and frequently does, provide assistance to local prosecutors. It typically cannot, however, initiate criminal investigations of local criminal matters. Additionally, it does not have the authority to prosecute Federal crimes.

I did notice in your facsimile that you notified a number of Federal and local law enforcement agencies. I believe that these agencies would be statutorily equipped to address the issues you raise. I thank you for informing this Office of your concerns and wish you the best in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Michael Favale".

G. Michael Favale
Assistant Attorney General