
Once you write the Atty. Gen. please send us a copy of your letter. We will forward it to the Gaymon family.

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Dear Attorney General Paula T. Dow
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Re: Request for the Attorney General's Office to investigate the fatal shooting of Defarra Ivan Gaymon

Dear Attorney General Dow and Director Taylor:

I am writing regarding the shooting death of DeFarra Ivan Gaymon on July 16, 2010 in Branch Brook Park by an Essex County undercover officer. Following the shooting, Mr. Edward Barocas, Legal Director for the New Jersey ACLU sent a letter to you on July 22, 2010 requesting the Attorney General's office take over the investigation of Mr. Gaymon's death, which is being conducted by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. In response to Mr. Barocas' letter, your office made a decision not to investigate this matter.

I share the concerns raised by Mr. Barocas and concur with the statement in his letter that **"While we have faith in the honor and expertise of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, we fear that in light of many questionable elements of the incident, only an independent investigation will result in findings in which the public can have confidence."** I respectfully request that you reconsider your decision in this matter and that the Attorney General's office launch an immediate investigation into Mr. Gaymon's death. An independent investigation is critically needed here and an objective and fair review cannot be conducted by the Essex County Prosecutor's office because, in my mind, there is a conflict of interest. I join concerned citizens from the community, and others from around the state, who are seeking answers that will only be derived from an independent and thorough review of Mr. Gaymon's death by the Attorney General's office. The concerned public will not have any confidence with an investigation into this tragedy unless it is done through an impartial and unbiased review by your office. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,