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Dear Ms. Dilson:

Your letter to Attorney General Reno, expressing your concern about the investigation into the murder of JonBenet Ramsey, has been forwarded to the Criminal Division for response.

In your letter, you state that you suspect that your former boyfriend may have killed Jon Bennet Ramsey. We appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention. However, the Department of Justice is not involved in, nor does it have jurisdiction over, the Ramsey murder investigation. Indeed, the jurisdiction of the federal government over murder and other violent crimes is limited to categories of crime which have a relationship to U.S. governmental functions, interstate commerce, or other recognized areas of federal responsibility. Under the United States Constitution, the remainder of the criminal justice jurisdiction is specifically reserved to the states. The federal government has no authority to intervene in the Ramsey murder investigation since the case falls under the jurisdiction of the state of Colorado. Absent the existence of jurisdiction, federal law enforcement authorities cannot conduct an independent investigation.

Although we do not have legal authority to intervene in this murder investigation, Colorado law enforcement authorities should be able to address your concerns. From your letter, it appears that you have already shared your evidence with the Boulder Police Department. We encourage you to continue providing that office and the responsible Colorado prosecutor with any pertinent evidence that you have about the Ramsey murder. These entities are in the best position to evaluate and give appropriate consideration to such information.

Thank you for writing to the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

James S. Reynolds / paw

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