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RE: In the matter of Joyce Sauter; CJ 2005-10192

Dear Ms. Ausley and Mr. Strouse:

Your correspondence to the Attorney General concerning the County Prosecutor's handling of your allegations of criminal conduct of [REDACTED] have been referred to the Prosecutors Supervision & Coordination Bureau within the Division of Criminal Justice for review and response. In an effort to address the concerns expressed in your letter, I have carefully reviewed all your documentation. I have also contacted the County Prosecutor's Office, the Sayreville Police Department, as well as, Dr. Frederick DiCarlo, the Ass. Middlesex County Medical Examiner.

By way of background, under the Criminal Justice Act of 1970, the Attorney General, through the Division of Criminal Justice, has general supervisory authority over each of the twenty-one county prosecutors. That supervisory function permits this office to review the facts and to determine whether the prosecutor's acts were within the ambit of his or her discretion. A county prosecutor is vested with broad discretion in the performance of his or her official duties.

In reviewing the exercise of that discretion, our office does not conduct a separate investigation nor do we superimpose our opinion over that of the prosecutor unless there is an indication of an abuse of discretion.

