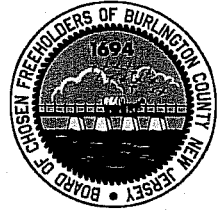




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**RE: ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICS LAW BY BOROUGH OF  
WRIGHTSTOWN MAYOR THOMAS HARPER**

Dear Mr. Paff:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 11, 2011 regarding alleged violations of the Local Government Ethics Laws by Borough of Wrightstown Mayor Thomas Harper. According to your complaint, Mayor Harper has a financial interest in Tom's Service Center located in the Borough of Wrightstown. The Borough allegedly patronized this establishment for fuel and vehicle repairs in both 2010 and 2011.

Insofar as you have filed a formal complaint with the Local Finance Board, this Office will defer the initiation of a criminal investigation until such time as the Board has entered a determination regarding this matter. Since the statute of limitations associated with most offenses is five (5) years, this Office could still pursue a criminal investigation assuming the attendant circumstances suggest criminal activity beyond a mere ethical violation.

Once again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. By copy of this letter I am requesting that Mr. Thomas H. Neff, Director – Department of Community Affairs/Division of Local Government Services – Local Finance Board, advise me as to any action taken by the Board in connection with your complaint. In the event I have not heard from Mr. Neff on or before March 1, 2012, I will contact him regarding the status of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Thaddeus E. Drummond  
Assistant County Prosecutor  
Special Investigations Unit Supervisor

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cc: Prosecutor Robert D. Bernardi  
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