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April 5, 2002

Gordon Wayne Watts
821 Alicia Road
Lakeland, FL 33801

Dear Mr. Watts:

The Florida Attorney General's Office of Civil Rights is in receipt of your correspondence. In your complaint you allege that you were turned away from a political function because of your cultural/ethnic attire.

We have reviewed your complaint, and unfortunately we are unable to assist you at this time. The Attorney General is committed to investigating, and prosecuting civil rights violations in the State of Florida. Unfortunately, the facts stated in your letter do not raise civil rights claims within the jurisdiction of this Office. Our authority is proscribed by Chapter 760 of the Florida Statutes and the issues you raise do not fall within the scope of our authority under that law.

You may consult private counsel concerning your complaint. If you need additional help or services, you may wish to call the Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service. The number for the Florida Bar is 1-800-342-8011.

Please contact us if you have additional facts for this Office to consider, or if new information develops. Thank you for contacting us.

Sincerely,

Sonya A. Ethridge, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Spoke with Attorney Ethridge
~~Spoke~~ ~~with~~ ~~Attorney~~ ~~Ethridge~~
AT about ~~at~~ 3:00 PM. She pledged to
check w/ AIM-ORG &
NAACP-ORG to establish a
pattern of behavior.
Wed 10 Apr 2002

Supplement: 001