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State Inspector General

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Senator Brandon Beach
301-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building
18 Capitol Square, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Beach:

I am writing in response to your letter dated January 22, 2024, requesting that my office open an investigation into Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis and Mr. Nathan Wade, regarding their potential use of state funds for personal use.

As you may be aware, the Office of the State Inspector General has statutory authority to investigate certain allegations. O.C.G.A. § 45-12-212 empowers the office to receive and investigate complaints from any source alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption that has been committed or is being committed against an agency of the state. An agency of the state is defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-4-1 as any officer, department, division, bureau, board, commission, or agency in the executive branch of state government.

As you may also be aware, District Attorneys in Georgia serve as elected constitutional officers as part of the judicial branch. This office is not empowered to conduct investigations into these members.

Due to the fact that no legal authority exists for this office to investigate your allegations against District Attorney Willis, I regret to inform you that I am unable to take any further action.

Respectfully,

Nigel Lange
State Inspector General

CC: Governor Brian Kemp