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Subject: Jessica Gutierrez missing child case--Formal Complaint
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Ms. Castillo,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email and to let you know I respect your position and efforts. I do not want for you to misperceive or believe that I am being nonresponsive and therefore feel it necessary to outline the Powers and duties of a County Administrator as outlined in South Carolina Legislation.

SECTION 4 9 650. Authority of administrator over certain elected officials.

With the exception of organizational policies established by the governing body, the county administrator shall exercise no authority over any elected officials of the county whose offices were created either by the Constitution or by the general law of the State.

The matters presented in your email and attached letter involve offices under the leadership of a county elected officials or state official. That being said, I have copied those officials on this correspondence so that they are aware of this communication.

Respectfully yours,

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From: Danielle Castillo [mailto:ddgutierrez218@yahoo.com]
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Mr. Mergo,

The point of this email is to find out who to file a formal complaint with as far as how Lexington County Sheriff's Department has handled a missing child case that began in 1985, that of Jessica Gutierrez. I would like to attach the letter I have personally mailed the Governor and the Inspector General. I spoke with Mrs. Wentworth in the office of the Inspector General, and this will be the third time I have been told a certain department does not have jurisdiction over Lexington Co. Sheriff's Department. Mr. Mergo, Lexington County does have to answer to someone when things aren't handled properly, and I would appreciate if someone could tell me who that might be. Everyone's pointing the finger, and no one is taking the blame. This has been a vicious cycle my family has been put through for 30 years now. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Respectfully,

Danielle Castillo-Gutierrez