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Richard: Lathan Jefferson called this morning and got our receptionist. Same person who called you or a coincidence??? He told her that he did not want to talk to me because I cannot help him. He wanted to talk to my supervisor. Our receptionist tried to have him talk to me anyways but I was in a meeting. He has not called back but will be sent to our front office. I'm pretty sure Tinka talked to him when he originally called months ago. Plus, he talked to Jennifer, myself, Tom Murphy and Mindy Eisenberg (HQ).

Tom

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Tom and Jennifer,

I received a phone call from an unidentified individual who wanted to talk to someone responsible for clean drinking water in the city of Flint. I told him that Michigan has adopted the Safe Drinking Water Act and has primary enforcement responsibility for this program. I provided him with the names of the district supervisor and district engineer that oversee this system, but he didn't want their telephone numbers because he wasn't going to waste his time with them.

He really wanted to talk to someone in Washington. I told him the EPA Administrator was Gina McCarthy, but I did not have her number or any of the others at headquarters because we work with the Region 5 EPA office. He asked for contact information, so I provided him with Tom's telephone number. I'm letting you know so you will hopefully be prepared to deal with the fact that he doesn't want to discuss this matter with the state.

I just talked to him again, as he called the OEA saying the number I gave him (312-886-5991) was incorrect, but he may have had it wrong initially. I offered to give him Jennifer Crooks phone number, and he was adamant that he did not want to talk to her. I suspect he has called about this issue previously.

Good luck.

Richard