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Dear Mr. Glasgow,

Thank you for your letter of 24 February to the Attorney General's Office.

I have liaised with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and have been reliably informed that you were indeed convicted, and that your correspondence with the CPS was thus dealt with as feedback.

I agree that there is nothing in the Feedback & Complaints booklet clearly stating that a convicted defendant cannot make a complaint. And as you pointed out, the booklet simply states that the CPS complaints procedure is not an avenue for defendants to seek to get their convictions overturned. However, as you have been convicted, your complaint was therefore dealt with as feedback and was not considered as part of their complaints procedure. Consequently, the Attorney General's Office cannot become involved in relation to the complaints you have raised, as we can only do so once a complainant has exhausted the complaints procedure only.

I can only suggest, therefore, that you seek independent legal advice.

Yours sincerely,

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