

Louisiana State Police Case Summary

On June 9, 2022, the Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana jointly opened an investigation of the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana State Police (LSP) under the pattern or practice provision of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. This law prohibits state and local governments from engaging in a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers that deprives individuals of rights protected by the Constitution or federal law. The investigation will assess use of force by LSP personnel. In addition, the investigation will assess whether LSP engages in discriminatory policing on the basis of race. The Department of Justice welcomes information relevant to this investigation. Individuals can contact the Department by email at Community.Louisiana@usdoj.gov, by phone at (202) 353-0684, or by mail at Department of Justice, Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530 (attn.: Louisiana State Police Team).