

Strengthening and Unleashing America's Law Enforcement to Pursue Criminals and Protect Innocent Citizens

Administration Policy:

President Trump issued an executive order (EO) titled [Strengthening and Unleashing America's Law Enforcement to Pursue Criminals and Protect Innocent Citizens](#). This EO empowers the Attorney General (AG) to create a mechanism to provide legal resources and compensation to law enforcement officers who unfairly take on expenses or liabilities related to actions performed in their official duties.

Within 60 days of the order, the AG must review and seek to conclude all ongoing consent decrees or similar judgements. Within 90 days of the order, the AG and Secretary of Defense must increase the provision of excess military and national security assets in local jurisdictions to assist state and local law enforcement.

The EO directs the AG to pursue enforcement measures against state and local officials who undermine the rights of American citizens by willfully and unlawfully obstructing criminal law or unlawfully discriminating against Americans "under the guise of diversity, equity, and inclusion."

Background:

- While consent decrees can be entered into between state or local police departments and DOJ under judicial supervision, the Obama and Biden administrations [utilized](#) the weight of consent decrees to put onerous federal reporting requirements on police departments. During the first Trump administration, [safeguards](#) were put in place at DOJ to prevent the weaponization of consent decrees against local police departments.
- The [1033 program](#) administered by the Department of Defense's Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) allows for the transfer of excess military surplus to state and local law enforcement agencies. The Obama and Biden administrations issued restrictions on the 1033 program, which the Trump administration rescinded in [2017](#) and [2025](#).
- Recently, the FBI [arrested](#) Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Hannah Dugan for obstruction of an official proceeding and concealing an individual to prevent discovery and arrest, after the Judge allegedly helped an illegal alien charged with three battery charges allude ICE custody.