Attorney General program offering \$25k reward for tips on public corruption appears to be ending within 6 months.

On May 9, 2017, in an apparent attempt at redemption at the end of its term, the Christie administration's office of attorney general announced on its website a \$25k reward for tips from public and involved low level defendants leading to convictions of public officials

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Attorney General Announces Two New Initiatives to Fight Corruption, Including Reward Program Offering \$25,000 for Tips From Public



# Anti-Corruption Reward and Whistleblower Programs



TRENTON - Attorney General Christopher S. Porrino today announced two new initiatives to fight public corruption, including a reward program offering up to \$25,000 for tips from the public, as well as a program that offers lower-level defendants in a corruption scheme the potential to avoid prosecution if they reveal the crime to the Attorney General's Office so more culpable defendants can be prosecuted.

New Jersey has tough anti-corruption laws that provide mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment and parole ineligibility for people who commit crimes that touch upon their public office or employment. The Attorney General's Office has utilized these laws in recent years to prosecute major cases involving elected officials, government employees and companies receiving public funds. A critical challenge, however, is securing the initial leads that allow such crimes to be uncovered and prosecuted. The new programs are designed to encourage those with information on corruption to come forward

"It's a troubling reality that along with the many public officials and employees who It's a doubting feating that along with the many point officials and employees who carry out their duties with integrity, there are some who abuse their authority and corruptly exploit their positions for personal gain," said Attorney General Porrino. "We know these bad actors are out there, and we're casting a wide net to catch them with these two new programs. For members of the public who have personal knowledge of corruption and are fed up with it, we're offering an added motivation for them to turn their anger into action

"Our whistleblower program strategically allows secondary players in corruption schemes to come clean and avoid prosecution," Porrino added. "Whether we're talking about a skilled public worker assigned to act as a personal handyman for his boss, or a contractor asked to pay bribes to a local code inspector, or a corporate employee pressured by executives to make illegal political contributions, we're offering a way out of such predicaments for those who come forward first and are less culpable."

"These new programs offer strong incentives for people to come forward confidentially and help us root out public corruption, whether they're tipsters from the public seeking a reward, or public workers or others seeking to extricate themselves from a corrupt scheme," said Director Elie Honig of the Division of Criminal Justice. "By offering the programs for a limited time, we're looking for swift results, and we will vigorously pursue every lead.'

"By implementing the Anti-Corruption Reward and Anti-Corruption Whistleblower Programs for a relatively short time frame, we are hoping for quick and decisive action by anyone with knowledge of public corruption by elected officials and government employees," said Colonel Rick Fuentes, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police.
"The goal of the initiatives is to encourage those to come forward with information that will eventually lead to the prosecution of anyone who engages in these corruption

Attorney General Porrino announced the following programs to promote reporting of

#### Anti-Corruption Reward Program

- The Attorney General's Office is offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for tips from the public leading to a conviction for a crime involving public corruption. The reward program will be funded by the Attorney General's Office using criminal
- Individuals applying for this reward must provide information about a crime that
  has not previously been revealed to law enforcement and they must not have
  participated in the crime.
- The reward limit for any case is \$25,000. In most cases, only the person who first reports the crime will receive the reward. However, where two or more people provide different information that is material to successfully prosecuting the case, the reward may be apportioned.
- . The reward is not available to government employees who learn of the crime in the course of their employment if they have an official duty to report such crimes.

- · This program encourages eligible individuals or corporations to self-report their
- involvement in criminal activity, in return, in appropriate cases, for an agreement by the Attorney General's Office to waive prosecution of the whistleblower. Individuals interested in participating in the program can choose initially to report

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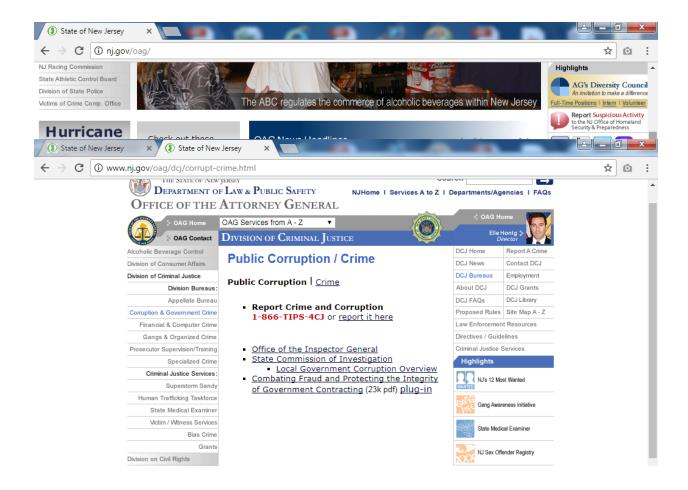
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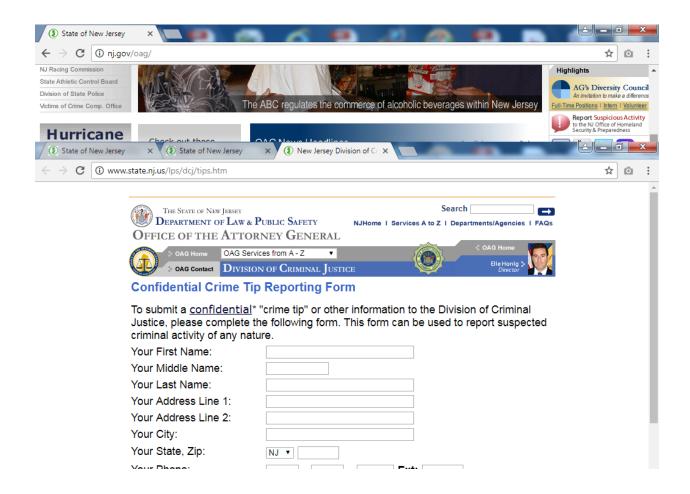
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It provided a telephone number for tips and an online report form. (The office of the inspector general link did not work.):





When the OAG site was checked one week after the recent election for governor, the program is missing from the site – replaced by a bias reward program.

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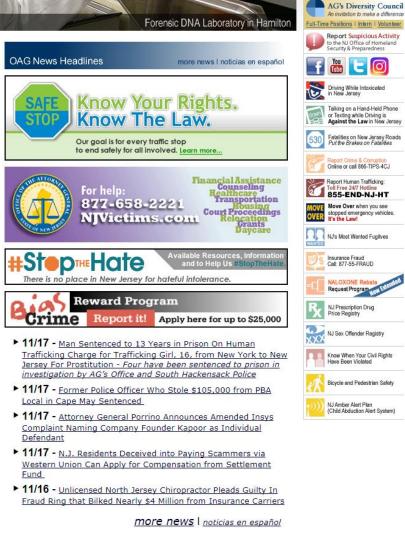
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The previously displayed tip line (1- 866-TIPS-4CJ) was called Nov. 18, 2017 and someone called back and confirmed the program is still going and gave an address to send info. She could not explain why the program was no longer mentioned on the website

The fact the worthy program ended and is now hidden from the public and appears on its way out speaks volumes about how such programs are subject to the whims of politicians when expedient. As investigations, indictments and trials usually take more than 6 months to complete, this late program may be a charade by a Governor who promised change but instead cozied up to dirty politicians for cheap support, and in any event the new Democratic Governor in a Democratic state is not likely to continue it and may not even prosecute those already in the pipeline. Governors can pardon so this is not unfathomable.

This all points out again the need to separate law enforcement from the politicians thru non-partisan elections and provide for reliable budgetary financing immune from retaliation by these same politicians.