

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

<http://nj.gov/oag/newsreleases17/pr20170509c.html>



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



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 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 schemes."

Attorney General Porrino announced the following programs to promote reporting of corruption cases:

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 forfeiture funds.
- 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.

Anti-Corruption Whistleblower Program

- 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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Apr 24, 2017 - TRENTON –**Attorney General** Christopher S. Porrino announced that a ... and took the guilty pleas for the Division of Criminal Justice **Corruption** Bureau. ... "The fact that his criminal conduct occurred over an **extended** period of time ... toll-free **Corruption** Tipline 1-866-TIPS-4CJ for the **public** to confidentially ...

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Michael J. Birkner, Donald Linky, Peter Mickulas - 2014 - History the **attorney general** in dealing with statewide crime and official **corruption**. ... set up in 1968 to combat organized crime, was **extended** for five years. ... enabling **New Jersey** to continue its **program** of acquiring land for recreation and ... four new "superdepartments" — administration, planning and control, **public** services, ...

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[Bribery and Corruption: How to Be an Impeccable and Profitable ...](#)

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Michael J. Comer, Timothy E. Stephens - 2016 - Business & Economics The draft agreement will be returned to the judge in a **public** hearing. ... withdrawn.79 • The period of the agreement may be **extended** with permission of the court. ... The existence of an effective corporate compliance **programme** and resources. ... David Sampson, the former Republican **Attorney General** in **New Jersey**, was ...

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Identify and expose **public corruption**, mismanagement, ethics irregularities and governmental **New Jersey** was recognized by the State **Attorney General's** Office when it announced the creation of a prescription drug monitoring **program** in January 2012. ... The Legislature **extended** the term of the SCI for five-year periods.

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

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.nj.gov/oag/ in the address bar. The page is the official website of the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, specifically the Division of Criminal Justice's Public Corruption / Crime page. The page header includes the state seal and the text "THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL". The navigation menu includes "OAG Home", "OAG Services from A - Z", and "OAG Contact". The main content area is titled "Public Corruption / Crime" and features a list of links and information:

- Report Crime and Corruption**
1-866-TIPS-4CJ or [report it here](#)
- [Office of the Inspector General](#)
- [State Commission of Investigation](#)
 - [Local Government Corruption Overview](#)
- [Combating Fraud and Protecting the Integrity of Government Contracting \(23k pdf\) plug-in](#)

The right sidebar contains a "Highlights" section with the following items:

- AG's Diversity Council
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The left sidebar lists various divisions and services, including:

- Alcoholic Beverage Control
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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.state.nj.us/lps/dcj/tips.htm. The page header includes the State of New Jersey logo, the Department of Law & Public Safety, and the Office of the Attorney General. The navigation menu includes links for OAG Home, OAG Services from A - Z, OAG Contact, and the Division of Criminal Justice. A search bar and a photo of the Director, Elle Honig, are also visible.

Confidential Crime Tip Reporting Form

To submit a **confidential*** "crime tip" or other information to the Division of Criminal Justice, please complete the following form. This form can be used to report suspected criminal activity of any nature.

Your First Name:

Your Middle Name:

Your Last Name:

Your Address Line 1:

Your Address Line 2:

Your City:

Your State, Zip:

Your Phone:

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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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.