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Office of the State Comptroller Releases Report on Motor Vehicle Stops and Post-Stop Enforcement Activity by New Jersey State Police

The Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) released a report today that reviews the New Jersey State Police's (NJSP) policies for evaluating whether racial profiling is occurring during motor vehicle stops. This review focused on the documentation and supervisory review of motor vehicle stops and post-stop enforcement activity by the NJSP.

The report recognizes that the NJSP is complying with most of the requirements imposed on it by law and identifies areas where the NJSP's practices should be changed to comply with the law and to guard more effectively against racial profiling. The report also evaluates the oversight function performed by the Office of Law Enforcement Professional Standards (OLEPS) and recommends changes to that office's practices to improve its oversight of the NJSP.

Under state law, OSC is required to review whether the NJSP is complying with a series of reforms adopted following the entry of consent decree between the State of New Jersey and the United States Department of Justice. This is the sixth in the series of these reviews.

OSC is an independent state agency that conducts audits and investigations of government agencies throughout New Jersey. The Office also reviews certain government contracts and works to detect and prevent Medicaid Fraud. The Office strives to enhance the efficiency and transparency of government and to ensure that public funds are spent effectively and efficiently.

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