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To Reduce Crime & Incarceration

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Top Cop: New FBI Numbers Don't Support Rising Crime Rhetoric

Figures Come as Presidential Candidates Tackle Public Safety in First Debate

Following the release of the [FBI Uniform Crime Report today](#) and ahead of the first presidential debate tonight, **Ronal Serpas, chairman of [Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration](#)** and former police chief in New Orleans and Nashville, issued the following statement:

“As the public conversation around crime and safety continues in tonight’s debate, this new data from the FBI shows crime remains near all-time lows around the country. There’s no evidence of a nationwide rise in crime.

“The numbers do indicate murder has increased in a small number of cities around the country, which must be addressed immediately. Evidence shows that focusing police resources on combatting local violence would help. But, false narratives about rising crime distract lawmakers and the public. They make it harder for law enforcement to implement proven, evidence-based reforms that address the real issues, instead of the myths. And they take us farther away from the shared goal of every American and every police officer: a safer place to live.”

To schedule an interview with Serpas or learn more about Law Enforcement Leaders, please contact Fiona Druge at Fiona.Druge@berlinrosen.com or (646) 755-6126.

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About Law Enforcement Leaders

[Law Enforcement Leaders](#) unites nearly 200 current and former police chiefs, sheriffs, federal and state prosecutors, and attorneys general from all 50 states to urge for a reduction in both crime and incarceration. We believe that the country can reduce incarceration while keeping down crime, and we support changes to our criminal justice system to achieve that goal. See a full list of members [here](#).

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