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Prosecutor on Spicer's Drug Prosecutions Comments: Violent Crime Must Be Prioritized

Following Press Secretary Sean Spicer's comments at yesterday's White House press briefing implying that the Department of Justice may consider increasing federal marijuana prosecutions, **Brett Tolman, member of [Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration](#)** and former U.S. Attorney for the District of Utah, issued the following statement:

"We need the federal government to focus law enforcement efforts on fighting violent crime—the most serious threat to our public safety—rather than diverting limited prosecutorial resources to smaller, non-violent offenses.

"This recommendation was included in a blueprint for reducing crime and strengthening criminal justice that was sent to President Trump last week, from top law enforcement officials. We hope that as the administration sets policy on prosecutions, it will consider the ideas outlined in this report which are based on law enforcements' firsthand experience. Federal resources are crucial to combatting crime in communities across the country, but failing to direct these resources toward our most immediate and dangerous threats wastes taxpayer dollars. Concentrating on serious and violent crime is the best way Attorney General Sessions and the Trump administration can advance public safety."

Earlier this month, Law Enforcement Leaders released a [five-part policy agenda](#) for the Trump administration on reducing crime and promoting public safety.

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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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