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To Reduce Crime & Incarceration

Statement from Top Police Chiefs: Crime Rate at Historic Lows

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Amid misleading reports on increasing crime, [Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration](#)—a group of 150 of the country’s most prominent current and former police chiefs, sheriffs, district and state’s attorneys, U.S. Attorneys, attorneys general, and other law enforcement leaders—has issued the following statement. Members of the group include the leaders of the New York City, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Houston police departments.

Ronal Serpas, Chairman of [Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration](#) and the former New Orleans Police Superintendent, is also available for interviews. Other [police leaders](#) can be available upon request.

Statement from Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration on Crime Rates

“Crime in the U.S. is at an all-time low across the country, and we expect it to stay that way,” **said Ronal Serpas, Chairman of [Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration](#) and the former New Orleans Police Superintendent.** “Despite some misleading reports about a surge in crime rates, the data show just the opposite. In fact, as [recent studies](#) show, the overall crime rate will be lower this year than it was last year, and half of what it was in 1990. Some cities have seen a rise in murder, but these are isolated incidents—not a new crime wave—which local leaders are taking steps to address.

“At this moment of rare national consensus that incarceration levels in this country have reached a crisis point, we cannot let sensational headlines slow the momentum to reduce unnecessary incarceration. As public officials charged with keeping all Americans safe, we’re counting on real reform to help us focus our resources most effectively and continue to keep crime at its historic lows across the country.”

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