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**READOUT OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
KATHARINE T. SULLIVAN'S MEETING WITH
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE AND
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES
EXECUTIVE BOARDS
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NEW ORLEANS – Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan traveled to New Orleans to address members of the executive boards of the Fraternal Order of Police and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. PDAAG Sullivan underscored the Trump Administration's stalwart support of our nation's law enforcement professionals and discussed OJP's efforts to keep officers and communities safe.

OJP has helped law enforcement agencies in more than 13,000 jurisdictions purchase over 1.3 million bullet resistant vests under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. OJP's National Institute of Justice continues its long-running ballistic standards and testing program, now in its fourth decade of operation.

PDAAG Sullivan commended NOBLE for its focus on reaching young people through mentoring and other youth development efforts. OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention awarded \$83 million in mentoring grants in fiscal year 2018. She thanked FOP President Chuck Canterbury for his 16 years of service to the organization. Canterbury has been nominated by President Trump to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

PDAAG Sullivan also participated in a NOBLE panel on the First Step Act. President Trump signed the First Step Act into law in December 2018, marking the first major reforms to our criminal justice system in over a decade. NIJ plays a key role in carrying out the provisions of the law. NIJ helped develop the Prisoner Assessment Tool Targeting Estimated Risk and Needs, or PATTERN, which will be used by the federal Bureau of Prisons to gauge federal inmates' risk of offending. She also discussed OJP's support of local reentry programs and reentry research.

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