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NAACP calls for New Jersey state police to be investigated over discrimination allegations

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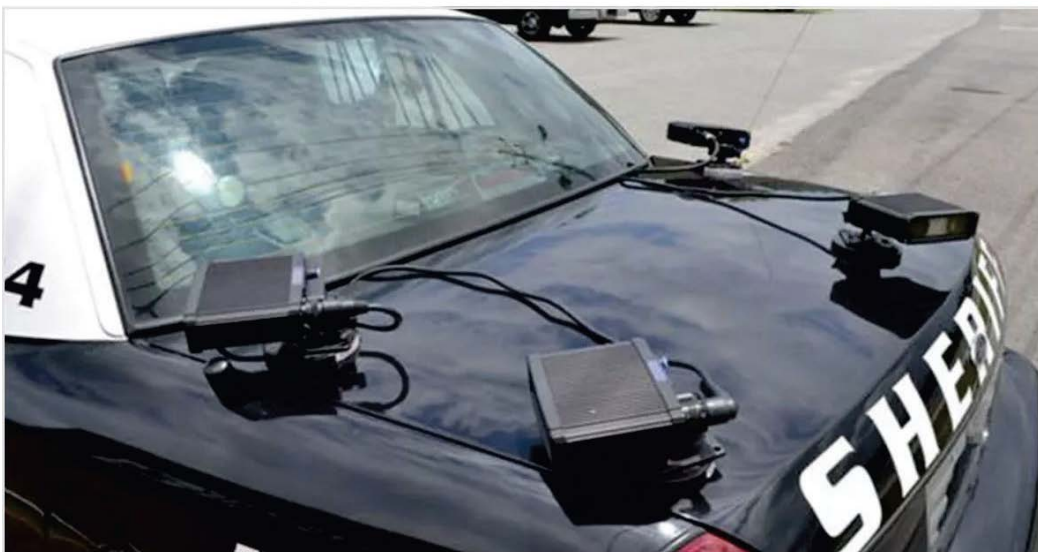
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The New Jersey chapter of the NAACP is calling on the United States attorney general to investigate alleged discrimination by the New Jersey State Police.

Officials with the organization spoke in Princeton on Tuesday.

They want Attorney General Merrick Garland to open an investigation. They claim that there are currently no less than 25 open claims of discrimination within the state police force. They say that those allegations include people of color, women and members of the LGBTQ+ community who were denied or passed over for promotions.



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“The credible evidence has emerged indicating that the bad, old days are here. They’re here again. Because decisions are not based on merit. Decisions are being based on the people who are in power, who are almost always white, heterosexual male. And it’s the good ole boys’ club once again,” said attorney Michelle Douglass.

Douglass represents 17 clients currently suing the state police on discrimination claims.

A spokesperson for the New Jersey State Police says that the department does not comment on pending litigation.



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