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BENJAMIN C. GLASSMAN SWORN IN AS U.S. ATTORNEY



U.S. Attorney Benjamin C. Glassman was [sworn in by United States Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch](#) on October 6. His appointment became effective October 8 and will continue for 120 days thereafter. Glassman had been serving as Acting U.S. Attorney since March 11.

Glassman has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Cincinnati since 2005. During his tenure in the Southern District of Ohio, his roles have included Appellate Chief, Acting Criminal Chief and Reentry and Prevention Coordinator. Prior to 2005, he was a litigation associate for Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. and clerked for Judge Ronald Lee Gilman of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and for U.S. District Judge Susan J. Dlott.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Rice University in 1997 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 2000.

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HONORS NATIONAL HEROIN AND OPIOID AWARENESS WEEK

In recognition of National Heroin and Opioid Awareness Week, September 19-23, the U.S. Attorney's Office hosted events at district high schools and highlighted the office's prosecutorial work to the media. At Fairmont High School in Kettering, for example, students watched a screening of the FBI/DEA documentary [Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict](#) before taking part in a panel discussion with prevention and treatment specialists and local and federal law enforcement officials.

"Because of the growing epidemic of prescription drug and heroin use among our young people in every community and every neighborhood across the U.S., we here in Kettering feel that it is imperative that schools step up and actively partner with law enforcement agencies and prevention and recovery agencies to educate our students about the dangers and life-changing consequences of opioid addiction," said Scott Inskeep, Superintendent of Schools for the Kettering School District.

Educators from several Cincinnati Schools also attended a screening of the documentary and a roundtable discussion at Sycamore High School.

U.S. Attorney Glassman provided a snapshot of the district's work related to heroin and opioids. In the past year, federal, state and local law enforcement partnerships in the southwestern Ohio have seized more than 35 kilograms of heroin and ten kilograms of

fentanyl, and charged 96 people federally in 47 cases with trafficking heroin, including charging two people with providing the heroin that killed someone.

“We’ve opened a new federal case involving heroin trafficking roughly once every eight days,” Glassman said. “Unfortunately we’re still seeing a fatal heroin overdose in the region roughly once every two days. So we’re not announcing victory, but a reaffirmation of our commitment to continuing to fight the opioid problem in southwestern Ohio through enforcement, treatment and prevention.”

Investigators in southwestern Ohio received almost \$250,000 from the National Heroin Initiative in October 2015 to support officers and technology to investigate heroin and opiate trafficking crimes. Most of the cases are still working their way through the courts, but so far, 38 people have been convicted of heroin or opioid trafficking crimes during that period. Charges are pending against the remainder. Twenty-one have been sentenced to date with sentences ranging from one to five years. Trafficking heroin is punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Two people face federal charges of providing a heroin/fentanyl mixture that resulted in the death of the victim, a crime punishable by at least 20 years and up to life in prison, if convicted.



National Heroin and Opioid Awareness Week reinforces the Justice Department’s three-fold approach to the epidemic: prevent new victims from succumbing to addiction, strengthen enforcement efforts and provide treatment. Related Department of Justice resources can be found at [justice.gov/opioidawareness](https://www.justice.gov/opioidawareness).

FEDERAL OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE NATIONAL REENTRY WEEK

In honor of the U.S. Department of Justice declaring the first National Reentry Week April 24-30, 2016, representatives of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, federal and local governmental agencies and politicians, employers and service providers gathered at Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati on April 26 to provide information to individuals with a criminal background. The summit included: what employers are looking for and how to find work with a criminal record, knowing your rights after reentry, financial responsibility, child support and parenting.

On April 28, the U.S. Attorney's Office, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Office of Reentry and the Ohio Association of Local Reentry Coalitions, convened professional reentry stakeholders from across the District to discuss best practices and partnerships moving forward.

More than 50 individuals representing 30 local, state and federal government agencies and service providers participated, including leadership from the U.S. District Court, Federal Probation Office, Governor John Kasich's Office and Franklin County Commissioner Marilyn Brown's Office.

"Reentry is a matter of both public safety and justice, and we are committed to it," U.S. Attorney Glassman said. "In this, as in so many areas, we are at our best when we collaborate, share information, and work together. This session was a step forward in connecting the many worthy efforts at strengthening reentry in Ohio at the local, state, and federal levels. I am proud to work with all of these partners in support of making Ohio a safer and fairer place for all of our citizens, including those returning home after a term of incarceration."

The group committed to building more effective partnerships moving forward between every level of government by formalizing information sharing and reconvening at least annually.

To join future reentry efforts, contact Jennifer Thornton at jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov.

DOJ ANNOUNCES EFFORT TO COLLECT USE OF FORCE DATA

This month the Department of Justice announced several steps to enable the nationwide collection of data of law enforcement interaction with civilians, including data related to the use of force by law enforcement officers.

"Accurate and comprehensive data on the use of force by law enforcement is essential to an informed and productive discussion about community-police relations," said Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch.

The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing called on law enforcement to "collect, maintain and report data on all officer involved shootings, whether fatal or nonfatal, as well as any in-custody death," and the department is committed to heeding this call. In 2014, Congress passed the Death in Custody Reporting Act (DCRA), which required states and federal law enforcement agencies to submit data to the department about civilians who died during interactions with law enforcement or in their custody (whether resulting from use of force or some other manner of death, such as suicide or natural causes) and authorized the Attorney General to impose a financial penalty on non-compliant states. However, Congress did not impose a similar reporting requirement for *non-lethal* uses of force by law enforcement. In the absence of a statutory mandate, and in an effort to close this gap, the department is partnering with local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement to provide a means for national data collection. In 2015, and in collaboration with local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) began work on a "National Use of Force Data Collection," an online portal to collect use-of-force data from law enforcement agencies across the country.

The Attorney General announced additional details regarding these efforts:

- **National Use-of-Force Data Collection.** At the request of local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies, the FBI has been working with such agencies to develop a National Use of Force Data Collection program. The FBI announced the proposed pilot program last week in the Federal Register. The pilot study will evaluate the effectiveness of the methodology used to collect the data and the quality of the information collected. The FBI is seeking comment from all interested parties, including local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement, civil rights organizations and other community stakeholders. After reviewing and addressing these comments, the FBI will issue a final

proposal and plans to begin the pilot data collection program in early 2017. The pilot study participants are expected to include the largest law enforcement agencies, as well as the FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Marshals Service.

- **DCRA Compliance.** Earlier this summer, the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) issued a draft proposal outlining its plan for collecting death-in-custody data from state and local law enforcement agencies. Last week, the first public comment period closed, with several thousand comments received. The department is currently reviewing those comments and it plans to issue an updated proposal in the near future.
- **Federal Reporting under DCRA.** The DCRA requires federal law enforcement agencies to report information on deaths that occur during interactions with federal law enforcement agencies or in their custody, beginning with Fiscal Year 2016 (FY2016) data. FY2016 ended September 30. The Attorney General has issued a memorandum to federal law enforcement agencies formally notifying them of their reporting obligations under the DCRA and directing them to BJS for further coordination.
- **Police Data Initiative (PDI).** The department's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office announced today that it has assumed leadership of the Police Data Initiative (PDI), a data transparency project initiated by the White House in 2015. Through PDI, participating law enforcement agencies commit to publicly releasing at least three policing datasets, which can include data on stops and searches, uses of force, officer-involved shootings, and other police actions. Numerous foundations, organizations and companies have stepped up to help. The PDI currently includes 127 law enforcement agencies, covering more than 44 million people across the country. To assist with this effort, the COPS Office recently awarded the Police Foundation a \$750,000 cooperative agreement through FY2016 funding to support PDI. Over the next two years, the Police Foundation will work with a cohort of approximately 100 law enforcement agencies to develop promising practices for police open data usage, support community engagement regarding policing data and provide technical assistance to law enforcement agencies to collect and publish open data sets.

DOJ, MIAMI UNIVERSITY REACH AGREEMENT ON ADA COMPLIANCE

The Justice Department filed a proposed consent decree on October 15 to resolve allegations that Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, violated the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by using inaccessible classroom and other technologies.

Under the consent decree, which is pending court approval, Miami University will make significant improvements to ensure that technologies across all its campuses are accessible to individuals with disabilities and will pay \$25,000 to compensate individuals with disabilities. The agreement also requires reforms to Miami University's technology procurement practices. These improvements will benefit all current and future Miami University students with disabilities.

As part of the consent decree, Miami University will, among other things:

- ensure that its web content and learning management systems conform with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 AA standards;
- meet with every student who has a disability for which he or she requires assistive technologies or curricular materials in alternate formats, and their instructors, every semester to develop an accessibility plan; and
- procure web technology or software that best meets various accessibility standards.

"Technology in the classroom and across campus provides the backbone for full and equal participation in college life," said Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Vanita

Gupta, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "This settlement will ensure that students with disabilities can access and receive the full benefit of 21st century technology in higher education."

"The courage of the students who participated in the United States' investigation led to this broad agreement that touches the lives of Miami University students with disabilities," said U.S. Attorney Glassman. "This agreement between the Justice Department and Miami University will ensure full access to technology that is crucial to academic success."

The Justice Department intervened in this case, *Dudley v. Miami University*, which was originally brought by a single student. The intervention expanded the case to ensure comprehensive relief under Title II of the ADA for all Miami University students with disabilities. In the complaint, the department alleged that Miami University uses technologies in its programs, services and activities that are inaccessible to individuals with disabilities, including current and former students who have vision, hearing or learning disabilities.

The department further alleged that Miami University failed to make these technologies accessible and otherwise failed to ensure that individuals with disabilities could interact with Miami University's websites and access course assignments, textbooks and other materials on an equal basis with students who do not have disabilities. These failures deprived current and former students and others with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all of Miami University's educational opportunities.

For more information or for a copy of the consent decree, please visit the department's ADA website at www.ada.gov. Those interested in finding out more about the ADA may also call the Justice Department's toll-free ADA Information Line at 800-514-0301 or 800-514-0383 (TDD).

PHONE APP LAUNCHED TO HELP VICTIMS OF CRIME IN OHIO

Family Services of Dayton and the University of Dayton Research Institute launched a mobile app in June through Department of Justice funding to support victims of crime.

The AVIATOR – A Victim Information App To Ohio Resources – allows users to quickly connect with law enforcement, medical services, counselors, justice information, community resources and other professionals and organizations that can provide support to a victim after a crime. It is free and available to download to Android and iPhones at the Apple and Google Play stores.

AVIATOR was developed through a two-year Vision 21 grant awarded by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs. More information is available at www.aviatorapp.com.



Personal Resources
Click on General for browsing or Crime to search for resources that address issues such as health, food, clothing, shelter, children and family, transportation, and home safety concerns.

Law & Corrections
Access information to local law enforcement, jails, courts and legal representation. Click on VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday) to find and be alerted to any changes in the incarceration status of a perpetrator.

Victim Compensation
Access information regarding possible financial assistance after a crime.

Special Populations
Find specialized resources for veterans, the elderly, the disabled, the deaf and more.

Crisis Contacts
Access to 24-hour manned phone lines for many different crises, such as suicide prevention and domestic violence help.

Other Useful Tools
Send a custom emergency message to trusted contacts, quickly hide AVIATOR and replace it with your favorite website, or request a virtual chaperone when walking home all at the touch of a button.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

For real-time updates of community engagement and outreach events and to learn about U.S. Attorney's Office cases, follow us on Twitter @SDOHnews.

OUT AND ABOUT

- March 29: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in a Multi-Cultural Advisory Council session with the FBI at the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati.
- March 30: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in a community engagement roundtable with the Department of Homeland Security Civil Rights Civil Liberties section in Columbus, OH.
- April 8: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker provided remarks at the Dayton Police Department's recruit graduation.
- April 13: Assistant U.S. Attorney John Stark presented at the Ohio State Phi Alpha Delta Night of Networking in Columbus, OH.
- April 14: Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Marous presented at the Ohio Bar Association's annual environmental training.

- April 15: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman provided opening remarks at the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives Region IV conference in Cincinnati, OH.



- April 19: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman and leadership of the Greater Cincinnati Islamic Center met to promote continued partnership in community engagement. Glassman also toured the facility and observed worship.



- April 21: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker was a panelist during an event focused on implicit bias and hosted by the Cincinnati Bar Association.
- April 30: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman participated in the DEA's National Drug Take Back Day at the collection site in Blue Ash, OH, where 146 pounds of drugs were handed in.
- June 3: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman served as a panelist during the University of Dayton's Program in Law and Technology Symposium in Dayton, OH.
- June 9: Assistant U.S. Attorneys Andy Malek, Alex Sistla and Brandi Stewart presented to the Air Force's Fraud Working Group at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH.
- June 14: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman and Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker provided remarks at the AAA Regional Drugged Driving Summit in Blue Ash, OH.
- June 16: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Columbus Strong rally.



- June 16: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton attended Noor Islamic Cultural Center's Annual Iftar Dinner, where Glassman provided remarks.

- June 23: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman spoke at a screening of the documentary *Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict* at Kenwood Theatre. Law Enforcement Coordinator Brian Capps and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton also participated in the event, which was hosted by the FBI and DEA, involved local educators, service providers and law enforcement.



- July 8: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented at Breakthrough Cincinnati's Career Day.



- July 12: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented on application of the federal rules of criminal procedure at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Federal Bar Association Federal Practice Seminar.
- July 21: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker served as the Keynote Speaker at the National League of Cities, National Black Caucus-Local Elected Officials' Summer Conference Luncheon in Columbus, OH.
- July 28: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman hosted a delegation from Germany as part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program in Cincinnati, OH.



- Aug. 11: Assistant U.S. Attorney Dave DeVillers presented at the Middle Eastern Law Enforcement Association Conference in Dearborn, MI.
- Aug. 16: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker participated in Cincinnati Works' law enforcement meet and greet session for individuals living in high-crime areas of the city.
- Aug. 23: Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Mangan presented on computer intrusion crimes at a ransomware conference in Cincinnati, OH hosted by the FBI.

- Sept. 6: Deputy Civil Chief Matt Horwitz and Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Springer spoke to University of Cincinnati law students about public service.
- Sept. 7: Deputy Criminal Chief Mike Hunter participated in the national conference Saving Lives - Innovative Solutions to the Opioid Epidemic in Minneapolis, MN.
- Sept. 11: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker participated in Whitewater Crossing Christian Church's 15th Anniversary of September 11th services.
- Sept. 12: Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheila Lafferty participated in moot court training in Williamsburg, VA.
- Sept. 20: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman joined Attorney General Loretta Lynch on a visit to the Eastern District of Kentucky, where they visited with high school students to talk about opioid abuse and attended a meeting of the District's [HEAT initiative](#).
- Sept. 22: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented to the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati on federal prosecution of gun crimes and violence.
- Sept. 23: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman, Deputy Criminal Chief Mike Hunter, Law Enforcement Coordinator Brian Capps and Acting Public Affairs Officer Fred Alverson participated in a documentary screening and discussion of heroin abuse at Fairmont and Sycamore high schools.
- Oct. 4: Deputy Criminal Chief Mike Hunter served on the federal panel discussion at the Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference Heroin Symposium.
- Oct. 6: U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman attended the Inaugural Attorney General's Awards for Community Policing in Washington, D.C. where Cincinnati was recognized as having been a part of the AG's community policing tour, and two Columbus police officers were recognized for an award.
- Oct. 11: Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Affeldt presented to financial investigators in Columbus, OH about investigating and prosecuting health care fraud.
- Oct. 18: Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Hunt presented at a Butler County Gun Violence Initiative call-in session.
- Oct. 21: Senior Litigation Counsel Doug Squires served as the keynote speaker at the Ohio Securities Conference.

To arrange a presentation for your group, contact Jennifer Thornton at jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov or 614-255-1570.

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