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Primary Election Hotline Established at U.S. Attorney's Office for Complaints of Voting Irregularities or Abuses

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NEWARK – U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced today that his office has established a Primary Election Hotline to receive and respond to reports of election irregularities, voter intimidation or any other activities that would interfere with a citizen's right to vote throughout Primary Election Day.

An Assistant United States Attorney has been named to serve as the District Election Officer, and in that capacity is responsible for overseeing the handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights abuses in consultation with the Department of Justice in Washington.

To timely address complaints, the U.S. Attorney's Election Hotline – (973) 645-2924 – can assist both English and Spanish-speaking callers. The line will become active on Monday, Feb. 4, 2008.

Federal law enforcement will work with county Boards of Election and the state Attorney General's Office to respond if needed to complaints and direct them to the appropriate authority. Individuals are encouraged to report election fraud and voting rights abuses by calling the U.S. Attorney's Office hotline.

The U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Attorney's Office seek to deter election fraud and discrimination at the polls and to prosecute federal offenses whenever and wherever they occur, and to make voting easier and cheating harder.

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