

**Update on Special Investigations Task Force Activities**  
**By Chair Kenneth Frazier**  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good afternoon.

The shocking details contained in the Grand Jury report that came to light in November 2011 rightfully elicited intense emotions among the Penn State community, the nation and the world, including rage, disbelief, and overwhelming sadness. The allegations of unspeakable crimes against helpless children are extraordinarily serious, and have affected us profoundly.

It will take years to fully come to terms with this tragedy. But one element of doing so is to understand how the alleged acts could have happened at Penn State, where the breakdowns occurred, who knew what when, and what changes we can make to prevent such anguish in the future.

To assist in finding answers to such questions, the Special Investigations Task Force of the Board of Trustees announced on November 21, 2011, that it had retained Judge Louis Freeh and his firm to conduct an independent, external investigation. Judge Freeh, a former FBI Director and Federal Judge, has unimpeachable credentials and unparalleled experience in law and criminal justice.

His mandate is clear. He and his team have been tasked to investigate this matter fully, fairly, and completely. They have been directed to show no favoritism toward any party, including the Administration and every member of the Board of Trustees itself. The Task Force has assured Judge Freeh total independence so that this mandate can be fulfilled. Indeed, that assurance was the main condition of Judge Freeh's engagement.

The investigation is well underway. Judge Freeh has assembled an impressive team of former law enforcement officials and lawyers, including former prosecutors, with many decades of experience conducting sensitive investigations. They have established an office here on campus, and are fully engaged in reviewing documents, conducting interviews, and pursuing leads.

This investigation is being conducted in parallel with, but independent of, several other active investigations by agencies and governmental authorities, and will not interfere with any such other investigations.

In addition to working to uncover what occurred in the past, Judge Freeh and his team are thoroughly studying, reviewing and testing all of the University's policies, procedures,