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Whitman on Status of State Police Superintendent Appointment

Gov. Christie Whitman this morning received a phone call from US Attorney General Janet Reno concerning the status of the appointment of FBI Special Agent Carson Dunbar to head the NJ State Police. The Governor issued the following statement:

"I received a call this morning from US Attorney General Janet Reno. The conversation was very positive and I am pleased to report that it appears that the significant issues regarding our hiring of Special Agent Carson Dunbar have been fundamentally resolved.

` A few details still need to be finalized, but I expect that they will be settled in the near future and that I will be in a position to make an announcement about the appointment of Special Agent Dunbar upon my return from my family vacation.

"I am very pleased with the priority that Attorney General Reno has given to this important issue and I sincerely thank her for her cooperation. We both agree that we appear to be moving toward a final resolution of this matter."