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DOJ OIG Releases Report on the Department of Justice's Efforts to Mitigate the Effects of Ubiquitous Technical Surveillance

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) announced today the release of a report assessing DOJ's actions to address threats to its operations and personnel posed by Ubiquitous Technical Surveillance (UTS). UTS refers to the widespread collection and analysis, for surveillance purposes, of data and digital trails that are created through the use of technology and online services.

The OIG's audit found that although complex UTS threats continue to affect DOJ, DOJ has no common, enterprise-wide definition of UTS, and it has not taken sufficient steps to mitigate the risks that UTS presents.

The specific findings in today's report include:

- **DOJ Needs a Coordinated Approach to Addressing UTS Threats.** Despite recent UTS incidents such as the doxing of judges overseeing immigration cases, only a small percentage of DOJ components have taken actions to mitigate UTS threats, and those actions have not been well coordinated.
- **DOJ Has Not Sufficiently Trained its Employees on UTS Threats.** We found little enterprise-wide awareness of known and emerging UTS threats facing DOJ, and although there were some voluntary trainings on topics related to UTS that had very low attendance, there was no enterprise-wide UTS-specific training.

The OIG made three recommendations to improve the DOJ's management of UTS threats. DOJ agreed with all three recommendations.

Today's report follows the OIG's June 2025 audit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) efforts to mitigate the effects of UTS on its operations. As noted in today's report, the FBI has since taken, and is continuing to take, several productive actions in response to that audit's findings. In light of this prior work, the OIG did not include the FBI in the audit leading to today's report.

Report: Today's report is available on [the OIG's website](#).

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