

Toney campaign: A.G Kaul hasn't denied backlog of over 1,000 internet child sex predator referrals at the DOJ

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It's been over a week since Eric Toney first challenged Josh Kaul on [UPFRONT](#) to refute the claims on the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) referral backlog and Kaul has yet to respond. *What is he hiding?*

THE ULTIMATE QUESTION THAT THE MEDIA NEEDS TO ASK JOSH KAUL REQUIRES A 'YES' OR 'NO' ANSWER: At any point this year, did Kaul's DOJ have a backlog of over 1,000 ICAC referrals that were unassigned for investigation? It's a yes or no answer that Josh Kaul refuses to give. Did Kaul's failure leave child sex predators free to roam our streets?

TIMELINE:

- Thursday, October 13th: DA Toney submitted a [public records request](#) on the 1,000+ case backlog on internet child sex predator cases.
- Thursday, October 13th: Kaul did not refute the backlog in the UPFRONT debate when challenged by DA Toney. (NOTE: The debate was pre-taped on Thursday, October 13th and aired on Sunday, October 16th.)
- Tuesday, October 18th: [Second public records request submitted](#) regarding the departure of the ICAC Task Force Commander.
- Wednesday, October 19th: DOJ Spokeswoman Gillian Drummond did not refute the backlog when asked by WisPolitics.

Eric Toney stated:

“Based on information I’ve received from current and retired DCI personnel, as recent as September of this year, Josh Kaul failed to provide proper resources to DCI resulting in a backlog of over 1,000 ICAC referrals – likely leaving child predators free to roam our streets and putting children at risk. Josh Kaul hasn’t denied the backlog. I demand Josh Kaul answers ‘yes’ or ‘no.’ Families deserve this answer from our Attorney General.”

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- “Viewed” and “reviewed” do NOT mean the referrals have been “assigned” and “investigated” so that these child sex predators can actually be stopped.
 - *Kaul’s team appears to be playing word games with the public. “Viewed” doesn’t mean assigned and/or investigated.*
- Kaul’s DOJ says that these ICAC referrals have been “viewed” but refuses to answer the questions:
 - When were the ICAC referrals received?
 - Have the referrals been assigned to an agent or law enforcement agency to investigate?
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 - Have the referrals actually been investigated and worked?