



4 Mass. State Police troopers are suspended without pay amid OT probes



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The four troopers will be suspended while investigators probe overtime pay discrepancies at the beleaguered agency, according to a statement from State Police.

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The four Massachusetts State Police troopers who were temporarily relieved of duty [earlier this week](#) were suspended without pay Wednesday.

The four will be suspended while investigators probe overtime pay discrepancies at the beleaguered agency, according to a statement from State Police. Duty status hearings for the four troopers were held Wednesday at State Police headquarters in Framingham.

The suspensions are the latest development in what is a growing [overtime fraud scandal](#).

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Forty-six current and former troopers are now linked to the payroll fraud investigation and have had details of their alleged misconduct forwarded to state and federal prosecutors, according to the department.

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All of those troopers belonged to the now-disbanded Troop E, which patrolled the Massachusetts Turnpike. About a third of that unit's members have been accused of collecting overtime pay for hours and shifts they did not work.

The scandal has prompted an audit, a series of internal State Police investigations, and separate probes by the state attorney general and the US attorney's office.

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