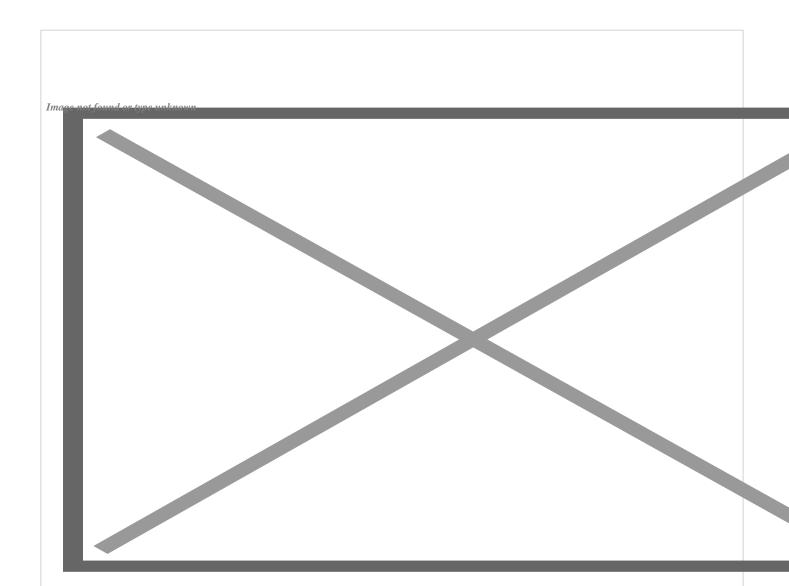
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The lead investigator was Sally Yates, who briefly served as acting attorney general. In a statement, Yates said: "Our investigation has revealed a league in which abuse and misconduct — verbal and emotional abuse and sexual misconduct — had become systemic, spanning multiple teams, coaches and victims."

Sally Yates went on to say: "Abuse in the NWSL is rooted in a deeper culture in women's soccer, beginning in youth leagues, that normalizes verbally abusive coaching and blurs boundaries between coaches and players." The independent investigation comes a year after two coaches in the National Women's Soccer League were fired over abuse allegations.

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