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## **FEDERAL PROSECUTORS IN ARIZ. RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT BY NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION**

TUCSON, Ariz. - U.S. Attorney Diane J. Humetewa and Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Settel will be recognized Wednesday evening during an awards ceremony at the annual conference of Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE). Humetewa will receive the WIFLE President's Award, presented for outstanding performance in government and bestowed on a leader in government service who is a role model for women, a dedicated public servant, contributes to improving the status of women and/or addresses issues of violence against women.

"Being recognized by WIFLE, an organization created with the purpose of promoting equity for women in law enforcement, is one of the highlights of my career in federal service," stated U.S. Attorney Humetewa.

AUSA Settel will receive the Top Prosecutor Award based on her successful prosecutions of *United States v. Ivan Gomez-Flores, Rene Rodriguez-Leon, and Armando Garcia-Flores, CR-07-937-PHX-ROS*, a hostage-taking case in which the victims were stripped, beaten and held captive, and some of whom were shot with a pellet gun; and *United States v. Ruben Lopez-Lopez and Daniel Rojas-Perez, CR-07-1388-PHX-FJM*, a hostage-taking case in which a 15-year-old girl was drugged and raped.

WIFLE was established in 1999 as a not-for-profit organization seeking to improve gender equity, promote the value that women bring to law enforcement and recognize the accomplishments of women in federal law enforcement. WIFLE is an outgrowth of the U.S. Department of Justice and Treasury Interagency Committee that was set up in late 1970s to recruit, retain and promote more women in federal law enforcement. Today the representation of women in federal law enforcement is 16% according to the latest statistics from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

WIFLE established the Top Prosecutor Award in 2005 to recognize prosecutors who play a vital role in the investigative phase as well as the most critical role in prosecution. The Top Prosecutor Award recognizes the work in obtaining a conviction for individuals engaged in the following crimes: trafficking of women or children for sexual exploitation or any individual for forced labor; crimes of violence against women or any minority group; civil rights violations; terrorist-related violations against the United States; or corporate or governmental fraud.

Over 700 people were in attendance at the annual conference, which began today in Tucson.

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