*******MEDIA ADVISORY******

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BREUER AND U.S. ATTORNEY GONZALES TO PROMOTE ANTI-GANG AND DRUG EFFORTS IN NEW MEXICO

Also Will Sign Memorandum of Understanding for Special AUSA Who Will Prosecute Violent Crimes Against Native Women in New Mexico

WASHINGTON – Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales for the District of New Mexico will deliver keynote remarks at the Third Annual Gangs, Drugs & Prosecution Conference in Belen, N.M., on **Thursday, June 22, 2011, at 8:00 a.m.** The conference is being hosted by the 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office for the State of New Mexico.

While in New Mexico, Assistant Attorney General Breuer and U.S. Attorney Gonzales also will attend the "Camp Triumph" graduation ceremony at **12:00 p.m.** "Camp Triumph," a summer youth camp sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico and other law enforcement partners, plays a vital role in keeping New Mexico youth safe from drug, gang and gun violence.

At **2:00 p.m.**, Assistant Attorney General Breuer and U.S. Attorney Gonzales, together with Governor Richard Luarkie of the Pueblo of Laguna, will participate in a ceremony to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Pueblo of Laguna and the U.S. Attorney's Office, and to highlight their shared commitment to responding to the serious problem of violence against Native women. Under the Memorandum of Understanding, the chief tribal prosecutor for the Pueblo of Laguna will be designated as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney to investigate and prosecute domestic violence and violent crimes against Native women in the District of New Mexico for a three-year period contingent upon funding from the Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women.

Press opportunities are as follows:

8:00 a.m. – Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer and U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales will deliver keynote remarks at the Third Annual Gangs, Drugs & Prosecution Conference sponsored by Lemuel L. Martinez, the District Attorney for the 13th Judicial District in the State of New Mexico.

Holiday Inn Express 2110 Camino Del Llano Belen, N.M. 87002 **OPEN PRESS**

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well as valid media credentials. Only the opening session of the conference, which includes the keynote addresses, is open to the media. Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Elizabeth Martinez at elizabeth.martinez@usdoj.gov, 505-224-1469, or 505-239-4060.

12:00 p.m. – Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer and U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales will attend the "Camp Triumph" graduation ceremony. They will be joined by Albuquerque Police Chief Ray Schultz and Bernalillo County Sheriff Dan Houston.

iT'Z Family Food & Fun 4595 San Mateo Boulevard Northeast Albuquerque, NM 87109 **OPEN PRESS**

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2:00 p.m. – Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer, U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales and Governor Richard Luarkie of the Pueblo of Laguna will participate in a signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding to address violence against Native women in the District of New Mexico by designating the Pueblo's chief tribal prosecutor as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney to investigate and prosecute violent crime against Native women.

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center - Silver & Turquoise Room 2401 12th Street NW Albuquerque, NM 87104 **OPEN PRESS**

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