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9th Annual Project Sentry Logo Contest
Winners Announced

COLUMBIA, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles announced that the winners of the United States Attorney's Office 9th Annual Project Sentry Logo Contest were recently announced during visits by Assistant United States Attorneys to their schools. 2012 Winners are:

Grades 1-2 Division:

Winner: Grayson Foster, Campobello Gramling School (Campobello)

Honorable Mention: Lilian Chacon, Campobello Gramling School (Campobello); Cheyenne Williams, Timmonsville Educational Center (Timmonsville); Brian Byers, Timmonsville Educational Center (Timmonsville); and Leilla Faircloth, Timmonsville Educational Center (Timmonsville)

Grades 3-5 Division:

Winner: Blake Johnson, Campobello Gramling School (Campobello)

Honorable Mention: Tearren Deloach, North Aiken Elementary School (Aiken); and Kirsten Dale, Pageland Elementary School (Pageland)

Grades 6-8 Division:

Winner: Price Rainwater, Southside Middle School (Florence)

Honorable Mention: Brandon Johnson, Campobello Gramling School (Campobello); Ameera Watley, William J. Clark Middle School (Orangeburg); and Gavin M. Grimsley, Southside Middle School (Florence)

Grades 9-12 Division:

Winner & OVERALL WINNER: Axsel Brown, Waccamaw High School (Pawley's Island)

Honorable Mention: Dexter Overton, Horry County Early College High School (Conway); Lyric Chestnut, Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology (Myrtle Beach); Chelsey Clark, Waccamaw High School (Pawley's Island); Ruby Fairweather, R. B. Stall High School (North Charleston); Kelvin Cheah, Waccamaw High School (Pawley's Island); Courtni Young, Manning High School (Manning); Spencer Marshall, Ameera Watley, William J. Clark Middle School (Orangeburg); Jessica Redman, Carolina Forest High School (Myrtle Beach); and Steth Dailey, Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology (Myrtle Beach)

The winners were chosen from 784 entries from 45 schools across South Carolina. Each division winner received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, with the overall winner receiving an additional \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. 18 students received Honorable Mention ribbons. All students who submitted entries received a Certification of Participation.

The statewide contest gives South Carolina students an opportunity to tell the entire state how they prevent gun violence in their school. The theme of the contest was "Preventing Gun Violence in Your School." The contest was open to students in all South Carolina schools.

The winning entries were selected by "The Insiders," a select group of students from the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, who travel throughout the state, encouraging troubled children and promoting community awareness of the prevalence and consequences of juvenile crime. The U.S.

Attorney's Office coordinated with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association (SCLEOA) to provide U.S. Savings Bonds to the winners.

Project Sentry, which is part of the district's Project Safe Neighborhoods/Project CeaseFire program, is a vital step in strengthening our ability to prevent gun crimes among our young people and to ensure a safe learning atmosphere for our children. For more information on the Project Sentry program and to view the winning logos, visit <http://www.justice.gov/usao/sc/ceasefire/sentry.pdf>

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