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THREE ATLANTA FEDERAL PROSECUTORS RECOGNIZED **AT ANNUAL U.S. ATTORNEY AWARDS CEREMONY**

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Three outstanding employees from the Northern District of Georgia were honored today at the Department of Justice's 27th annual Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) "Director's Awards" Ceremony, where a total of 159 award recipients from more than 45 districts were recognized for their dedication to carrying out the mission of the Department of Justice. The award recipients include three federal prosecutors from the Northern District of Georgia: Assistant United States Attorneys Rodney Bullard, Francey Hakes, and Richard Moultrie. Other recipients included Assistant United States Attorneys, law enforcement agents, litigation teams and others who have made outstanding contributions in federal, state and local law enforcement across the nation.

"These award recipients have been honored for their service and dedication to our country, as well as to their local communities," said Attorney General Eric Holder. "Each of these committed public servants has helped to advance the Justice Department's critical work. Their contributions have had a powerful impact in ensuring the strength of our justice system, the security of our communities, and the promise of our democracy."

United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates, who attended the ceremony at the Department of Justice said, "Today we celebrate Francey Hakes, Rodney Bullard, and Richard Moultrie's commitment to justice in the long and complicated prosecution of an extremely difficult case of a doctor, who knew he was HIV-positive, sexually abusing minors. It is fitting that we recognize their hard work and dedication in a national awards ceremony. I am incredibly proud of Rodney, Francey and Richard, and of all the employees in the Atlanta United States Attorney's Office who make sacrifices on a daily basis for the cause of justice."

Mr. Bullard, Ms. Hakes and Mr. Moultrie were part of the prosecution team in the case of a 50-year-old former emergency room physician, Dr. Adam Lebowitz, for heinous child sex offenses. Lebowitz was convicted of enticing a 16-year-old boy to engage in sex acts that he videotaped and distributed on the Internet, and of attempting to entice a 15-year-old boy to engage in sex acts. At the time of the sexual contact with his victims,

Lebowitz knew he was HIV-positive. The prosecution team adopted what had been a state investigation and fought complex suppression challenges involving novel computer search issues. Lebowitz initially pleaded guilty, but the court permitted him to withdraw the plea a year later, after much of the important physical evidence had been returned or destroyed. After a week-long trial, the team nonetheless convicted Lebowitz and obtained a stiff, 26-year sentence.

Lebowitz came to the attention of local law enforcement officers on October 26, 2006, after a victim, a 15-year-old boy, received a series of emails and sexually graphic instant messages from Lebowitz. The victim also revealed that Lebowitz had recorded himself engaged in graphic sex acts with the victim when he was 16 years old. An examination of Lebowitz's computers revealed that Lebowitz had sent images from his recording of the victim over the Internet. The examination of Lebowitz's computers also revealed over 600 images of child pornography depicting very young children, including numerous images from child pornographic series of known children. Moreover, Lebowitz had in his possession countless printouts of MapQuest documents and instant message log chats that demonstrated the frequency with which he was communicating with other potential victims.

Ms. Hakes handled the initial part of the case, then Mr. Bullard and Mr. Moultrie were assigned to the case after Ms. Hakes accepted a temporary assignment to the Department of Justice to serve as the National Coordinator for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction to advise the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General on child exploitation issues.

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