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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RELEASES FIRST NATIONAL STRATEGY
TO COMBAT CHILD EXPLOITATION**

*U.S. Marshals Service to Launch Nationwide Operation Targeting Top 500 Most Dangerous,
Non-compliant Sex Offenders*

SHREVEPORT/LAFAYETTE, La. - Following an announcement today by Attorney General Eric Holder, U. S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley of the Western District of Louisiana announced that the Department of Justice released its first ever National Strategy to Combat Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction. The strategy also provides the first ever comprehensive threat assessment of the dangers facing children from child pornography, online enticement, child sex tourism, commercial sexual exploitation, and sexual exploitation in Indian Country, and outlines a blueprint to strengthen the fight against these crimes. The strategy builds upon the department's accomplishments in combating child exploitation by establishing specific, aggressive goals and priorities and increasing cooperation and collaboration at all levels of government and the private sector.

As part of the overall strategy, the U.S. Marshals Service is launching a nationwide operation targeting the top 500 most dangerous, non-compliant sex offenders in the nation. Additionally, the department will create a national database to allow federal, state, tribal, local and international law enforcement partners to deconflict their cases with each other, engage in undercover operations from a portal facilitated or hosted by the database, share information and intelligence and conduct analysis on dangerous offenders and future threats and trends.

Attorney General Eric Holder stated: "Although we've made meaningful progress in protecting children across the country, and although we've brought a record number of offenders to justice in recent years, it is time to renew our commitment to this work. It is time to intensify our efforts," said Attorney General Holder. "This new strategy provides the roadmap necessary to do just that – to streamline our education, prevention and prosecution activities; to improve information sharing and collaboration; and to make the most effective use of limited resources. Together, we are sending an important message – that the U.S. government, and our nation's Department of Justice, has never been more committed to protecting our children and to bringing offenders to justice."

U. S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley stated: “This strategy further emphasizes our office’s commitment, along with that of our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, to safeguard the children of our district and aggressively pursue and punish those who exploit and abuse them.”

The strategy first analyzed the threat to our nation’s children and described the current efforts at all levels of the government against this threat. Since FY 2006, the Department of Justice has filed 8,464 Project Safe Childhood (PSC) cases against 8,637 defendants. These cases include prosecutions of online enticement of children to engage in sexual activity, interstate transportation of children to engage in sexual activity, production, distribution and possession of child pornography, and other offenses. In the Western District of Louisiana, 15 PSC cases have been filed. A list of PSC prosecutions in the Western District of Louisiana since March 2010, along with a summary of outreach efforts and our partner agencies is attached.

Despite vigorously fighting all aspects of child exploitation, the department recognized that more work remains to be done. To that end, the department’s strategy lays out goals to increase coordination among the nation’s investigators, better train investigators and prosecutors, advance law enforcement’s technological capabilities and enhance research to inform decisions on deterrence, incarceration and monitoring. The strategy also includes a renewed commitment to public awareness and community outreach.

As part of its public outreach efforts, the department today re-launched ProjectSafeChildhood.gov, the Project Safe Childhood (PSC) public website. PSC is a department initiative launched in 2006 that aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. Led by U.S. Attorneys’ Offices and the Criminal Division’s Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, PSC marshals federal, state, tribal and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. The U. S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Louisiana leads its initiatives through PSC Coordinators, Assistant U. S. Attorneys John Luke Walker/Lafayette and Earl M. Campbell/Shreveport.

For more information regarding the National Strategy to Combat Child Exploitation, Prevention and Interdiction, please visit: ProjectSafeChildhood.gov.

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PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD PARTNER AGENCIES

United States Attorney's Office
Louisiana Attorney General's Office
Bossier Parish District Attorney's Office
Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office
Desoto Parish District Attorney's Office
United States Marshal's Service
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement
United States Postal Inspection Service
Louisiana State Police
Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office
Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office
Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office
Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office
Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office
Desoto Parish Sheriff's Office
Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office
Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office
Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office
Webster Parish Sheriff's Office
Bossier City Police Department
Lafayette Police Department
Shreveport Police Department
Bossier City Marshal's Office

PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD CASES SENTENCED OR AWAITING SENTENCING SINCE MARCH 2010

United States v. Curtis Dale Lolley: Lolley was sentenced to 60 years in prison on two counts of child exploitation. Lolley sexually molested two teenage girls and videotaped the molestation.

United States v. Phillip Ward: Ward was sentenced to 210 months in prison for receiving child pornography. He downloaded from the internet approximately 5,000 still images and 400 videos of child pornography.

United States v. Kevin Ray: Ray was convicted by a jury and sentenced to 180 months in prison for soliciting a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity. Ray engaged in sexually explicit chats over the internet with an undercover agent posing as a minor girl, and solicited the agent to meet for the purpose of having sex.

United States v. Mark Emmons: Emmons was sentenced to 135 months in prison for soliciting a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity after engaging in sexually explicit chats over the internet with undercover agents who portrayed themselves as minor girls.

United States v. Anthony Thomas: Thomas was sentenced to 96 months in prison for receiving child pornography after downloading child pornography from the internet.

United States v. Larry Callier: Callier, a teacher at Opelousas High School, pled guilty to receiving child pornography and is awaiting sentencing after convincing a female student to send sexually explicit photos of herself and send them to him.

United States v. Timothy Hendricks: Hendricks pled guilty to possession of child pornography and is awaiting sentencing after purchasing child pornography from an undercover website operated by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

United States v. Richard Franklin and Bobby Odom: Richard Franklin pled guilty to one count of child exploitation (production) and was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment and 5 years supervised release. ,.....///. The case against Odom is still pending.

PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD OUTREACH EFFORTS

PSC Assistant U. S. Attorneys participate in the following community outreach:

- Internet safety presentations at schools and churches throughout the district.
- Cyberbullying presentations at elementary and high schools throughout the district.
- Seminars for military and state prosecutors on child exploitation trial issues.
- Seminars for federal, state and local law enforcement on investigative, evidentiary and trial issues related to child child exploitation and internet predator cases.