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WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT TO COMBAT CHILD SEXUAL PREDATORS

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that the Wood County Sheriff's Department has received a Child Sexual Predator Program (CSPP) grant to enhance the strategies of the Northern Wisconsin Cyber Work Group to locate, arrest and prosecute sexual predators.

The department will receive \$472, 678 from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for a two-year grant period. Preference for CSPP funding consideration was given to applicants that demonstrated a multi-jurisdictional approach in their response to child predators.

The Northern Wisconsin Cyber Work Group includes 15 agencies in a multi-county area in northern Wisconsin. It includes city, county, state, and federal law enforcement agents working together to reduce and prevent child endangerment and protect communities from sexual predators.

United States Attorney Vaudreuil congratulated the department on their successful application for this grant, saying, "We look forward to continuing our collaborative partnership with the Wood County Sheriff's Department and the other agencies of the Northern Wisconsin Cyber Work Group to reduce and prevent child endangerment by sexual predators."

Twenty-four agencies in 18 states received \$10.26 million in CSPP grants this year. The Wood County Sheriff's Department is the only Wisconsin agency to receive a CSPP grant this year. Past Wisconsin recipients include the Milwaukee Police Department in 2009 and the Wisconsin Department of Justice in 2010.

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