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**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO HOLD TOWN HALL
MEETING ON VIOLENT CRIME
*"Lets Work Together to Prevent Violent Crime"***

The United States Attorney's Office, along with several local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as community service agencies, have come together to form the Comprehensive Violence Reduction Partnership (CVRP). The aim of CVRP is to bring together resources from every law enforcement stakeholder serving the metropolitan Detroit area to effect a measurable decrease in the incidence of violent crime.

One of the key components critical to the success of CVRP is community outreach. In an effort to bring law enforcement and the community together to discuss this very important issue, the United States Attorney's office has put together a town hall meeting entitled "**Lets Work Together to Prevent Violent Crime**" being held at **Western International High School, 1500 Scotten Street, Detroit, Michigan 48209 on Thursday, November 4, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.** Felipe Martinez, Multi-Cultural Liaison for the City of Detroit will moderate the town hall.

United States Attorney Barbara McQuade stated, ""We refuse to simply accept the current violent crime rate as normal. We all have a stake in reducing violent crime, and we have the power to change our destiny if we all work together."

Our highlighted speakers will include Barbara L. McQuade, United States Attorney, Kym Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor, Thomas Brandon, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Ralph Godbee, Chief, Detroit Police Department and Andrew Arena, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau

of Investigation. Also in attendance will be representatives from Homeland Security Investigations, Michigan Department of Corrections, Michigan State Police, U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

The event is open to the public and the media are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Balaya, Public Information Officer, United States Attorney's Office at Gina.Balaya@usdoj.gov or call (313) 226-9758.