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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO HOLD THIRD TOWN HALL MEETING ON VIOLENT CRIME

"Lets Work Together to Prevent Violent Crimes"

The United States Attorney's Office has formed a Comprehensive Violence Reduction Partnership with other law enforcement and community service agencies in an effort to reduce violent crime. A series of Town Hall meetings have taken place in venues around the City of Detroit to meet with residents to discuss ways to target violent crime. These Town Hall events provide an opportunity for community residents to ask questions and share ideas directly with officials concerning strategies to reduce violence and provide services.

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."

A Town Hall Meeting entitled "Lets Work Together To Prevent Violent Crimes" will be held at Second Ebenezer Church, 14601 Dequindre Road, Detroit, Michigan 48212 on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 from 6p.m. to 8 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 pm. Bishop Edgar L. Vann, II has graciously offered to co-host the event and Detroit City Council President Charles Pugh will be the moderator.

Our highlighted speakers will include **Bishop Edgar L. Vann II**, Second Ebenezer Church, **Barbara L. McQuade**, United States Attorney; **Bradley Cobb**, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; **Thomas E. 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. The panel will also include representatives from Vanguard CDC, Skillman Foundation, Michigan Department of Corrections, Homeland Security Investigations, Crime Stoppers, U.S. Marshal's Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Michigan State Police, Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Detroit Public School Police Department and Children's Aid Society.

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.