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**U.S. ATTORNEY STEPHANIE FINLEY RECOGNIZES 42 LOCAL,  
PARISH AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THEIR  
SUPPORT OF PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM**

**Lafayette, La.:** Western District of Louisiana U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley recognized 42 local, parish and state law enforcement officers and prosecutors in Lake Charles, La. today, for their support of the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program and for their work in helping to get violent offenders off the street.

Ms. Finley recognized the law enforcement leadership who were also present. They included Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach, Lake Charles Police Chief Donald Dixon, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff Tony Mancuso, Vernon Parish Sheriff John S. Craft, Westlake Chief Administrative Officer Lonnie Smart, for Westlake Mayor Dan Cupit, who could not be in attendance, Westlake Police Chief Michael Dickerson, DeQuincy Police Chief Michael Suchanek, Sulphur Mayor Christopher Duncan, Sulphur Police Chief Lewis Coats, Calcasieu Parish District Attorney John DeRosier, ATF Assistant Special Agent in Charge Robert J. Schaal, ATF Special Agents Lawrence Goldsmith and Robert Bodin, Lafayette FBI Senior Supervisory Resident Agent Hall Jones and FBI Special Agent Ed Reed. The cases recognized involved violent offenders in Sulphur, Lake Charles, Westlake and Vernon Parish. Their incarceration time ranged from eight years to life in prison. The cases were prosecuted in both federal and state courts.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide program begun in 2001 and designed to reduce violence in our communities by aggressively enforcing existing federal firearms laws. United States Attorneys, District Attorneys, Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, and state officials have created partnerships to reduce gun violence through education, prevention and law enforcement activities. Generally, any arrest involving a firearm is reviewed immediately by local, state and federal authorities to decide whether the case is best suited for prosecution under state or federal law, or a combination of both. PSN has led to long prison terms for violent criminals and a significant reduction in violent crime. To date, federal prosecutions under PSN in the Western District of Louisiana have resulted in the incarceration of criminals responsible for violent crimes such as homicides, aggravated assaults, drug trafficking, robbery, carjacking and burglary. Since its inception in 2001, approximately \$2 billion has been committed to this nationwide initiative.

U.S. Attorney Finley stated: “The men and women recognized today put their lives on the line every day to keep our neighborhoods safe. In the Western District of Louisiana, we have a great working relationship between the federal, state and local agencies to get violent offenders off the streets. As the U.S. Attorney, I recognize that my office does not do this alone. It’s a herculean task that can only be accomplished through the collective efforts of these partnerships, which leads to the incarceration of these offenders. The recognition of these officers and prosecutors is just a small way to say thank you for the hard work that they have done to keep our communities safer, and it is well deserved.”

The following individuals were recognized at today’s ceremony held at the Lake Charles Police Department.

<b>LAKE CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Cpl. Keith Bryan Bertrand	Cpl. Harold James Nevels, Jr.
Evidence Tech Karri Douget (Formerly with Lake Charles P.D.)	Cpl. Kevin O’Rourke
Det. Corporal Kirt Lane Farquhar	Evidence Tech Carmen Papillon (Formerly with Lake Charles P.D.)
Cpl. Dustin Gordon Fontenot	Cpl. Dwayne Allen Petroski
Evidence Tech Jennifer Elaine Hoffpauir	Sgt. Phillip “Phil” Robertson
Cpl. Kevin Glenn Hoover	Det. David Rupf
Cpl. Christopher Lee Johnson	Cpl. Joe Edward Savoie
Sgt. Jeffrey Ryan Keenum	Cpl. Gregory Alan Single
Cpl. Jason Clay Landreneau	Sgt. Gary Lee Sonnier
Lt. Ray Laviolet (Retired)	Sgt. David James Streva
Cpl. Aandrea Delisa LeLeaux	Cpl. Colby Thompson
Cpl. John Lloyd Loftin	Sgt. Billy Eugene “Buddy” Toten
Lt. James Patrick Milner	Sgt. Charles Eric Welch
Sgt. Jeffrey Alan Morgan	

<b>CALCASIEU PARISH SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT</b>	
Lt. Robert Broussard	Sgt. Roy Malone
Lt. Billy Chapman	Lt. Gerald Pittman
Sgt. John Dugas	C.A.T. Team (Combined Anti-Drug Team & Narcotics Task Force)

<b>VERNON PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT</b>
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Det. Ray Ortiz
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<b>SULPHUR POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>
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Sgt. Trent Hanson
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Sgt. Troy LeBleu
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Patrol Officer Kenneth Wall
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<b>WESTLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>
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Cpt. Jack Bartlett
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<b>LOUISIANA STATE POLICE</b>
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Trooper First Class Robert Soileau
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Trooper First Class Brian Thierbach
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Sgt. Martin Zaunbrecher
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<b>CALCASIEU PARISH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE</b>
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ADA Jonathan Blake
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