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**Attorney General Gonzales Announces
Nationwide Anti-Gang Initiative**

***The District of Delaware
Receives \$95,849.00 Federal Grant***

United States Attorney Colm F. Connolly announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded \$95,849.00 to the District of Delaware to enhance its anti-gang initiative efforts. The anti-gang initiative provides grant funds to support new or expanded anti-gang enforcement and prevention efforts under the existing Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment to reducing gun crime. The District of Delaware's PSN effort is entitled Operation Disarm.

In addition to paying overtime to police officers to investigate and arrest gang members and participating in search warrants and intelligence sharing, the grant funds will assist law enforcement in identifying, recording, and sharing intelligence regarding gang members and gang activity.

Further, through the U.S. Department of Education, the Delaware Department of Education, working with law enforcement, will present programs to educate youth about the perils of gang involvement and how to resist efforts to become a gang member.

U.S. Attorney Connolly stated, "Fortunately we have only minimal gang activity in Delaware, but one criminal gang is too many. These funds will help keep gang activity to a minimum by providing law enforcement agencies the resources to investigate and prosecute members of illegal gangs and by providing educators with resources to deter gang membership."

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