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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

NIJ Studies Examine Preventing and Prosecuting Human Trafficking – Two recent studies sponsored by the Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice explore the prevention and successful prosecution of human trafficking cases centered on prostitution. The first, *A National Overview of Prostitution and Sex Trafficking Demand Reduction Efforts*, focuses on “demand reduction” strategies discouraging potential “customers” from hiring prostitutes. A separate study, *Identifying Challenges to Improve the Investigation and Prosecution of State and Local Trafficking Cases*, focuses on the identification, investigation and prosecution of state and local trafficking cases, and explores reasons authorities have not found more victims and prosecuted more cases. <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/238796.pdf>

BJS Releases Federal Law Enforcement, 2008 – The Office of Justice Programs’ Bureau of Justice Statistics recently released *Federal Law Enforcement, 2008*, presenting data from 73 federal law enforcement agencies employing full-time officers with authority to make arrests and to carry a firearm while on duty. The report describes federal law enforcement agencies by number of sworn officers, type of agency, primary state of employment, and law enforcement function. It details data by sex and race of officers for agencies with 500 or more federal officers, presents overall growth patterns in employment, and summarizes FBI data on federal officers killed and assaulted. <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/fleo08.pdf>

Justice Official Explains CrimeSolutions.gov – Phelan Wyrick, Senior Advisor in the Office of the Assistant Attorney General at the Office of Justice Programs was interviewed on the topic of CrimeSolutions.gov, the Justice Department’s database of “what works” in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. CrimeSolutions.gov contains research on over 200 programs, giving easily understandable ratings – Effective, Promising and No Effects – based on evidence indicating whether a program achieves its goals. In the interview Dr. Wyrick discusses why CrimeSolutions.gov was created, how it helps expand the use of evidence-based programs in criminal justice, and what aspects of the field it addresses. The interview video can be viewed at <http://www.criminaljusticeprograms.com/>.

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