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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

Acting AAG Leary Highlights National Law Enforcement Training – In a blog this week, Acting Assistant Attorney General Mary Lou Leary said, “An important tool in our fight against child exploitation is cutting-edge training that stays ahead of – or at least keeps up with – the changes in technology ... funds for training and technical assistance are a sound investment – in fact they are some of the best spent federal dollars in terms of results.” This blog highlighted the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation held in Atlanta Tuesday, April 17 to Thursday, April 19, where more than 1,700 registrants representing federal, state, local and tribal agencies – law enforcement, prosecutors, forensic examiners, victim witness specialists and others – gathered to learn about cutting-edge technology to address internet crimes against children.

BJS Releases Criminal Victimization Data Tool – The Justice Department’s Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) launched an interactive online tool that gives the public instant access to the largest collection of data on criminal victimization in the United States. The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) Victimization Analysis Tool (NVAT) provides a direct and user-friendly way to work with 18 years of data about victims of crime. The tool makes it easy for people to find and use information from BJS’s NCVS. WWW.BJS.GOV.

Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence Holds Final Hearing Tuesday, April 24 – Attorney General Eric Holder’s National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence will hold its final public hearing on Tuesday, April 24 in Detroit. The task force is part of the Attorney General’s Defending Childhood Initiative to prevent and reduce children’s exposure to violence and will provide a report of policy recommendations to the Attorney General later this year. Speakers at the Detroit hearing will include Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett, Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West, Acting Assistant Attorney General Mary Lou Leary, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara L. McQuade, Detroit Police Chief Ralph Godbee, and national experts on children’s exposure to violence. More information on the Defending Childhood Initiative and the task force is available at www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood.

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