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*******MEDIA ADVISORY*******

**TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO
VIOLENCE IN RURAL AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

WASHINGTON— U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence will hold its second public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The task force will gather testimony on the epidemic of children's exposure to violence from nationally recognized experts and members of the Albuquerque community.

Hearing speakers include Associate Attorney General Thomas G. Perrelli, U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales, Task Force Co-chairs Joe Torre and Robert Listenbee, task force members as well as Albuquerque and regional residents who have experienced family, community and other types of violence.

The task force, a key part of the Attorney General's Defending Childhood Initiative, held its first hearing in Baltimore in Nov. 2011. Additional information on the task force, its hearings and the Defending Childhood Initiative is available at:

www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood/task-force.html.

WHAT: Public hearing of Attorney General's National Task Force on Children's Exposure to Violence

WHO: Thomas J. Perrelli, U.S. Associate Attorney General
Kenneth J. Gonzales, U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico
Joe Torre, Task Force Co-Chair, Chairman of the Board of the Joe Torre Safe at Home® Foundation
Robert Listenbee, Jr., J.D., Task Force Co-Chair, Chief of the Juvenile Unit of the Defender Association of Philadelphia
Members of the Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence
Invited witnesses

WHEN: TUESDAY, JAN. 31, 2012
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. MST

MEDIA AVAILABILITY

(Reporters may ask questions of task force members)

10:45 a.m. -11:00 a.m. MST

WHERE: Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers
One Civic Plaza, N.W.
Albuquerque, N.M.
OPEN PRESS

NOTE: All media MUST RSVP to Starr.Stepp@usdoj.gov and present government-issued photo ID (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials. Cameras must be pre-set by 7:45 a.m. MST.

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