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NEW STUDY OF TARGETED VIOLENCE AFFECTING U.S. INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION RELEASED

U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Education and Federal Bureau of Investigation Collaborate on Joint Effort

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Friday, April 16, 2010, the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Department of Education and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will release a study of targeted violence incidents on U.S. campuses of higher learning.

The June 2007 *Report to the President on Issues Raised by the Virginia Tech Tragedy* included a recommendation that the Secret Service, Department of Education and the Federal Bureau of Investigation explore the issue of violence at institutions of higher education. This collaborative effort examines the scope of the problem of targeted violence at U.S. institutions.

In total, 272 incidents were identified through a comprehensive search of more than 115,000 results in open-source reporting from 1900 to 2008. The incidents studied include various forms of targeted violence, ranging from domestic violence to mass murder. The findings should be useful for campus safety professionals charged with identifying, assessing and managing violent risk at institutions of higher education.

The study and its findings will be available on each of the agencies' Internet sites: www.secretservice.gov, www.ed.gov and www.fbi.gov.

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EDITOR'S NOTE - For questions concerning the study or its findings, contact the U.S. Secret Service Office of Government and Public Affairs at 202-406-5708, the Department of Education Office of Public Affairs at 202-401-1576 or the FBI Office of Public Affairs at 202-324-3691.