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**MEMORANDUM**

August 19, 2009

**TO: LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLEAGUES  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS  
SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**FM: LAWRENCE J. LAURENZI, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY**

**RE: UPCOMING CONFERENCE:**

**RESPONDING TO FAMILY VIOLENCE:  
INVESTIGATING CASES AND WORKING WITH VICTIMS  
ON  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 (8:00 AM-5:00 PM)  
(CONFERENCE CHECK-IN WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 A.M.)  
AT THE  
FOGELMAN CENTER  
UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS, 330 INNOVATION DRIVE, MEMPHIS, TN  
NO COST-PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED- REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED**

The United States Attorney's Office along with Operation: Safe Community/Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, the Shelby County Crime Victims Center, and the Memphis Child Advocacy Center are pleased to announce this opportunity for training on Domestic Violence, Teenage Relationship Violence, and Child Victims of Abuse. Domestic Violence incidents seem to be on the rise and Child Exploitation cases are increasing not only in number but also in severity. In February 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from exploitation and abuse. The conference is designed to offer information that will help those in law enforcement more effectively investigate these cases and those in social services better assist victims of these crimes.

We are privileged to have local and nationally recognized experts who can share their knowledge about best practices in these cases. Topics that will be covered during the one-day seminar are:

- Family Violence 101
- First Responder Interviews
- Witness Tampering

- Investigations and Law Enforcement Responsibility in DV and Child Abuse Cases
- Reentry of Domestic Violence Offenders
- Prosecution of Family Violence Cases
- Overview of Project Safe Childhood
- Teenage Relationship Violence

Presenters will include:

**David Ebinger, Chief of Police, Moorhead, Minnesota**

*David Ebinger started his career in Law Enforcement in 1978, as a Patrol Officer with the North Little Rock Police Department. He also served as a member of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Police Department before joining the Little Rock Police Department in 1979. After being promoted to Sergeant in 1989 Ebinger was assigned to the Detention Center, Research and Planning Unit, as supervisor of the Vice Unit, and as a Patrol Sergeant in Downtown Patrol. In 1995 he was transferred back to the Detective Division as supervisor over the JAFI (Juvenile and Family Investigations) Unit. The JAFI Unit was also the first full time investigative unit in the State of Arkansas to handle cases of Domestic Violence. During this time Ebinger participated in a Department of Justice grant as an instructor for pro-arrest training in domestic violence cases to law enforcement officers in Arkansas and Tennessee. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence from 1999 to 2005. Ebinger was assigned as Commander of the Internal Affairs Division in late 2005 and retired from L.R.P.D. on July 23, 2006, to assume the position of Chief of Police for the City of Moorhead, Minnesota.*

**Maribeth Thomas, Trainer/Consultant, National Child Advocacy Center, Huntsville, Alabama**

*Maribeth is the Clinical Director for Prescott House Child Advocacy Center located in Birmingham, AL. Prescott House provides forensic services to the largest number of abused children in the State of Alabama, specializing with children who may have been sexually abused, severely physically abused, or witnesses to a murder or other traumatic events. Maribeth has conducted more than 2,000 forensic interviews and provided counseling for several hundred children and adults. She served as an instructor for 7 years at Fort McClellan's Military Police Academy, teaching MP's, CID officers and other military personnel how to interview child victims. Beginning in 2002, she has served as an instructor with the National Children's Advocacy Center, training police officers, child protective service workers, therapists, psychologists, members of the medical profession, attorneys, and judges in the foundations of forensic interviewing and forensic evaluation. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor with the state of Alabama.*

**Sarah Buel, Professor, School of Law, University of Texas at Austin**

*Sarah started her career in 1977 as the Paralegal and Community Coordinator for New Hampshire Legal Assistance. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1990, Sarah joined the Middlesex, MA District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney. In 1991 she became the Supervisor of the Domestic Violence Unit within the DA's Office in Norfolk County, MA and in 1993 she was the Director/Founder of the Domestic Violence Unit in the Suffolk County, MA, DA's Office. In 1997, Sarah became a Clinical Professor at the University of Texas School of Law teaching courses such as Domestic Violence and the Law and Domestic Violence Clinic and in 2001 is the co-founder and a co-investigator for the University of Texas Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Sarah is also the Co-Founder of the University of Texas Voices Against Violence. Sarah is the author of many articles and has received numerous awards. Recently she has been focused on the area Witness Tampering and how that impacts Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Cases.*

### **Anne Seymour, Co-Founder and Senior Advisor, Justice Solutions, Washington, DC**

*Anne Seymour is a Co-founder and Senior Advisor of the Washington, D.C.-based non-profit Justice Solutions, specializing in criminal and juvenile justice, crime victims' rights and services, and community safety. Her current work includes public policy development, training and technical assistance, program evaluation, strategic planning, and research in victim assistance, corrections-based victim services, family violence, the news media's coverage of crime, juvenile justice, and restorative justice, as well as developing new technologies to improve criminal justice and victim services. She has authored or contributed to over 30 manuals and texts published by the Office for Victims of Crime since 1989, including "The Victim Role in Offender Reentry" and "Creating a Victim Focus: A Guide to Working with Victims During Offender Reentry" books. Seymour was also the Director of the OVC Strategic Planning Toolkit Project, and served as its principal author and editor, and coordinator of a national "training for planners" and Statewide Strategic Planning Conference for six states, both held in 2003. She is currently Project Director for OVC's Oral History Project, and its National Public Awareness and Education Campaign. Seymour is also a consultant and trainer for the U.S. Department of State to help improve services to American citizens who are victimized abroad.*

### **Aurelia Sands Bell, Senior Advisor, Justice Solutions, Durham, NC**

*Aurelia Sands Belle has more than twenty years of professional experience in human service delivery and advocacy. She has extensive experience in the management of non-profit organizations and programmatic implementation strategies. Currently, Aurelia is the Executive Director of the Durham Crisis Response Center in Durham, North Carolina. This program responds to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Most notably, Aurelia is the former director of the Victim-Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) for the Metropolitan Atlanta Crime Commission in conjunction with the City of Atlanta. To her credit, Mrs. Belle initiated responsibility for developing all services to victims and witnesses of crime during the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia. Most recently, Aurelia became one of the founding Directors of Justice Solutions, Inc. of Washington, DC. Justice Solutions is a non-profit agency committed to addressing issues related to criminal and social justice issues by working with professionals all across the country, providing technical assistance and intervention. She conducts workshops that address the needs, rights and concerns of victims of crime for the Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime and the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA); serves as a faculty member for the National Victim Academy.*

### **Dan Newsom, Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Tennessee, Memphis**

*Dan Newsom received his law degree in 1973 and subsequently joined the law firm Robinson, Fisher, and Avery. In 1976, he became an Assistant District Attorney for the Shelby County District Attorney's Office where he served for seven years. In 1983, he was cross designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney where he worked on the Federal Organized Crime Task Force. Later in 1983, he was hired as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. In 1992, he was given the title of Senior Litigation Counsel for the US Attorney's Office and he currently still holds that title. Dan is a nationally recognized expert in the prosecution of Child Exploitation and Solicitation cases. He is a notable and frequently requested speaker at law enforcement conferences as well as seminars for victim service providers.*

There is no cost to the participant for this training, but pre-registration is required and space is limited. Handout materials, a continental breakfast and afternoon break will be provided at the seminar. Please call Leigh Anne Jordon, Law Enforcement Coordinator, US Attorney's Office at 901-544-4231 if you have any questions.

**THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE U.S.  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
OPERATION: SAFE COMMUNITY, THE SHELBY COUNTY CRIME VICTIMS  
CENTER, AND THE MEMPHIS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER PRESENT:**

**"RESPONDING TO FAMILY VIOLENCE:  
INVESTIGATING CASES AND WORKING WITH VICTIMS"  
September 22, 2009, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Fogelman Center, University of Memphis-Memphis, Tennessee**

Space is limited. All persons who attend or participate in the conference are required to register in advance. Please type or print clearly. Participants must attend the entire seminar to receive the certificate. Please send in your registration as soon as possible! (Note registration deadline below).

**There is no registration fee for this conference.** Handout materials, a continental breakfast and an afternoon break will be provided. Conference check-in and continental breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Leigh Anne Jordon, (901) 544-4231.

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REGISTRATION FORM (make additional copies if necessary)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

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**If you would like to receive email confirmation of your registration, please list your email address here:** \_\_\_\_\_