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## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO HONOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, CITIZENS FOR EFFORTS TO RECOVER MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Justice will present awards to two law enforcement officers, two Internet Crimes Against Children task forces and a private citizen for their efforts to recover missing and abducted children and investigate cases of child sexual exploitation and child pornography.

Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein will present the awards as part of the National Missing Children's Day ceremony Wednesday, May 24, at 2 p.m. This year's award recipients are from Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho and Missouri. Additionally, a fifth grade student from Florida will be recognized as the National Missing Children's Day National poster contest winner for best conveying the theme, "Bringing Our Missing Children Home," in a poster.

Each year, the Department commemorates National Missing Children's Day with a ceremony honoring the heroic and exemplary efforts of agencies, organizations and individuals to protect children. National Missing Children's Day is dedicated to encouraging parents, guardians, caregivers and others to make child safety a priority.

**WHO:** National Missing Children's Day Award Recipients

Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Acting

Administrator Eileen M. Garry

**WHAT:** National Missing Children's Day Ceremony

**WHERE**: U.S. Department of Justice

The Great Hall

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20530-0001

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\*\*\*This event will be live-streamed online at: www.justice.gov/live

**WHEN:** 2-3 p.m., WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

NOTE: All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials. Media should RSVP to Jim Goodwin at james.goodwin@usdoj.gov.