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### *WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF*

**BJS Releases *Probation and Parole in the United States, 2010*** – According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the number of adult offenders under community supervision on probation or on parole declined by 1.3 percent during 2010, dropping to about 4.9 million adults at yearend. This marked the second consecutive year of decline in the number of adults under community supervision. Probation is a court-ordered period of correctional supervision in the community, generally used as an alternative to incarceration. Parole is a period of conditional supervised release in the community following a prison term. At yearend 2010, about 1 in every 48 adults in the U.S. was on probation or parole, a rate lower than the 1 in every 46 that was observed in 2000. <http://www.bjs.gov>

**NIJ NamUs Team to Attend White House Reception** – The National Institute of Justice’s National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) team will attend a reception hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House on November 30. The reception celebrates the 2011 awardees of the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America medal (“Sammie”), honoring outstanding federal workers making high-impact contributions critical to the health, safety, and well-being of Americans. The team overseeing NamUs – the first free online database connecting families, law enforcement, medical examiners and coroners – was recognized in the “Justice and Law Enforcement” category for their commitment to resolving unidentified and missing persons cases since 2009.

**NIJ Partners with the Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI)** – The National Institute of Justice signed a groundbreaking memorandum of understanding with the Netherlands Forensic Institute, together with the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, to initiate collaboration and cooperation between organizations in the research development, evaluation, and operational use of forensic science technologies. Through this partnership, the countries will bring together scholars, scientists, researchers and forensic professionals to encourage quality forensic scholarship and research; encourage interaction and cooperation among the scholars, scientists, and professionals of both countries; and explore joint and collaborative activities such as research projects, grant programs, staff exchanges, lectures, symposia, and workshops. The November 15 signing took place at the Dutch Ambassador’s residence in Washington, D.C.

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