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OJP NEWS BRIEF

BJS Releases “Background Checks for Firearm Transfers, 2010 – Statistical Tables” — The Office of Justice Programs’ Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) recently released this report providing the number of firearm transaction applications checked by the FBI, state points of contact and local agencies. The tables also provide the number of applications denied and the reasons for denial, estimates of applications and denials conducted by each type of approval system, appeals of denied applications, and arrests for falsified applications and outstanding warrants. www.bjs.gov.

OVC Announces \$2.9 Million Grant to Support Movie Theater Victims in Aurora, CO. — The Office of Justice Programs’ Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) recently announced a \$2.9 million grant award to support services for those victimized by the shootings in the Aurora, CO. movie theater on July 20, 2012. The total number of victims of this crime is more than 1,500, including the twelve killed and sixty-nine wounded and their families, other people in the theater complex at that time, people evacuated from the shooter’s apartment complex where explosive devices were discovered, and first responders. More information on the program is available at: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/pdfxt/AEAP_Brochure.pdf.

NIJ Seeks Proposals, \$1.5 Million for Research on Firearms, Violence — The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) recently announced a grant solicitation for gun violence research. The “Research on Firearms and Violence” solicitation calls for proposals for innovative and scientifically rigorous research related to this topic. Applications may include, but are not limited to, such diverse subjects as the effectiveness of gun violence interventions, the nature of illicit gun markets, and the relationship between guns and public safety. NIJ anticipates that up to \$1.5 million—subject to the availability of appropriated funds— may be granted for research projects. The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. ET on May 2, 2013. Read the solicitation for full details on the requirements for this competitive grant: <https://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/s1001048.pdf>.

OVC Releases “Through Our Eyes: Children, Violence, and Trauma” Video — The Office For Victims of Crime recently released a new video series highlighting innovative practices to help young victims of crime. “Through Our Eyes: Children, Violence, and Trauma (Phase I)” addresses the needs of children exposed to violence and shows how trauma-informed care can help them recover to lead healthy, productive lives. Produced under the banner of the Defending Childhood Initiative, four videos—Through Our Eyes, Treatments that Work, Child Advocacy Model, and Community-Based Approaches—highlight major issues in child victimization and promising practices for service providers and others working with young victims. Phase II will

include four more videos in the areas of Interventions in Schools, Innovation in Juvenile Justice, Partnerships to Address Family Violence, and a conclusion video.

GAO Releases Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act Report — The Government Accountability Office recently released the report, *Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act: Jurisdictions Face Challenges to Implementing the Act, and Stakeholders Report Positive and Negative Effects* to the House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary’s Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. The report contains a wealth of information about the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), states and territories’ compliance efforts, and ways the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) is assisting in implementation efforts.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-13-211>

BJA Seeks Visiting Fellows — The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)’s fellowship program brings talented and expert practitioners from the field to BJA to inform policy and practice, create new tools for the field, and to disseminate knowledge about effective and innovative approaches to criminal justice issues. Interested applicants should be U.S. citizens and have at least five years of criminal justice or public policy experience. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on March 28, 2013. <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/13VisitingFellowsSol.pdf>

Upcoming Media Events:

OJJDP Acting Administrator Melodee Hanes will deliver the luncheon keynote address at the National Crime Symposium, “Breaking the Cycle of Crimes in Our Communities,” on February 28, in New Orleans, LA. The conference focuses on building trust between the criminal justice system and the communities they serve. Court officials, judges, prosecutors and attorneys, chiefs of police and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies attend.

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