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### **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HONORS EMPLOYEE FOR BUILDING ONLINE PROSECUTION TOOL**

WASHINGTON—The Department of Justice will recognize an employee, Johnathan Bridbord, for creating an online database to streamline the collection of victim impact statements for prosecutors. Attorney General Eric Holder will present Bridbord with an award during the National Crime Victims' Rights Week awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.

“These committed individuals are being honored for their dedication to assisting and supporting victims of crime all across the country,” said Attorney General Eric Holder. “Their actions inspire all Americans, to do what we can, each in our own way, to help lessen the physical, emotional and financial impacts of crime on people in our communities.”

Bridbord, a computer forensic specialist in the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, will receive the Crime Victims Federal Service Award. Bridbord was the driving force behind the development and implementation of the Victim Impact Statement Application (VISA). This provides prosecutors and victim witness coordinators nationwide with an automated, secure, reliable and efficient approach to obtaining a digital copy of a victim impact statement. It also enables prosecutors to provide information about the case in which the statement will be used during sentencing of defendants in child pornography cases.

Bridbord coordinated with in-house information technology database developers, systems engineers, network engineers, Justice Management Division information security personnel and a select number of Project Safe Childhood federal prosecutors to ensure the requirements for the functionality of VISA were successfully implemented.

In addition to Bridbord, Attorney General Holder will recognize 12 other individuals and organizations for their outstanding efforts on behalf of crime victims. Descriptions and videos of the honorees are available at the Office for Victims of Crime's Gallery: <https://ovcnvrv.ncjrs.gov/Awards/AwardGallery/gallerysearch.html>.

President Reagan proclaimed the first Victims' Rights Week in 1981, calling for renewed emphasis on, and sensitivity to, the rights of victims. National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be observed this year from April 21-27.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), headed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Mary Lou Leary, provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims. OJP has six components: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of

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