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ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA E. LYNCH TO RECOGNIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT, PRIVATE CITIZEN, AT NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY CEREMONY

WASHINGTON – The Justice Department will honor law enforcement officers, a private citizen, and an Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force for their efforts in helping to find missing children and prevent child sexual exploitation during the annual National Missing Children's Day commemoration at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 25, in Washington, D.C. In addition, a fifth-grader from Walnut, Calif., will receive the 17th annual Missing Children's Art Contest Award.

President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25, 1983, the first National Missing Children's Day to remember Etan Patz, a six-year-old boy who disappeared from a New York City street corner on May 25, 1979. Missing Children's Day honors his memory and the memories of children still missing.

- WHO:** Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, Department of Justice
- Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Beth McGarry, Office of Justice Programs
- Administrator Robert L. Listenbee, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- John F. Clark, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
- Sergeant Mark Simpson (Ret.), Arlington Police Department, Arlington, Texas
- Sayeh Rivazfar, Survivor and Advocate
- National Missing Children's Day award recipients
- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 25, 2016
2 p.m. EDT
- WHERE:** Great Hall, U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest (between 9th and 10th Streets)
Washington, D.C.

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NOTE: All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) and valid media credentials. **Media must RSVP to Kara McCarthy at Kara.Mccarthy@usdoj.gov no later than 6 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, May 24, 2016.** Media must enter the Department at the visitor's entrance on Constitution Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets. Media may begin arriving at 1 p.m. EDT. All cameras must be pre-set by 1:45 p.m. EDT. Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Kara McCarthy at Kara.McCarthy@usdoj.gov.