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DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL RECOGNIZES ARIZONA-BASED DHS SPECIAL AGENT FOR INVESTIGATING USERS OF ONLINE CHAT SERVICE TO SEXUALLY EXPLOIT CHILDREN

WASHINGTON – Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein today honored Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent Kathryn Gamble, who is based in Nogales, Arizona, for initiating a global investigation targeting those who use the online chat service Kik to sexually exploit minors.

Rosenstein presented Gamble with the Missing Children’s Law Enforcement Award during the Department’s National Missing Children’s Day ceremony. The award recognizes law enforcement officers’ efforts for significant investigative or program contributions to child safety.

As Gamble uncovered evidence of child exploitation and abuse during her investigation, she generated cases and referred them to the respective Homeland Security Investigations offices. Her activities have resulted in nearly 60 search and arrest warrants being served, the rescue of 22 child victims of sexual abuse, and the prosecution of five people in the United States. Arrests have also been made in six other countries with additional action pending in three more.

In addition to Gamble, the deputy attorney general recognized the efforts of another law enforcement officer, two Internet Crimes Against Children task forces, and a private citizen for their efforts to protect children. Rosenstein also recognized Audrey Link, a fifth grader at Resurrection Catholic School in Lakeland, Florida, as the 18th winner of the Annual National Missing Children’s Day poster contest.

Additional information is available online about [National Missing Children’s Day](#).

The Office of Justice Programs, headed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan R. Hanson, provides federal leadership in developing the nation’s capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice and assist victims. OJP has six bureaus and offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime; and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART). More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov.

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