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OJJDP PUBLISHES INTERNATIONAL CHILD KIDNAPPING GUIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention today published guidelines to help law enforcement prevent and respond to cases of international kidnapping of a child by a noncustodial parent.

In 2017 there were more than 900 cases of international kidnapping of children across 59 countries reported to the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Children’s Issues. Law enforcement agencies play a critical role in the prevention and resolution of international parental kidnapping.

A Law Enforcement Guide on International Parental Kidnapping describes law enforcement’s role as initial responders and investigators of kidnapping crimes, discusses applicable laws and legal remedies for child recovery and reunification, and outlines considerations for criminal prosecution and extradition of offenders.

TITLE: *A Law Enforcement Guide on International Parental Kidnapping*

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WHERE: <https://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/250606.pdf>.

The Office of Justice Programs, headed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Laura L. Rogers, 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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