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### ARRESTS INVOLVING GIRLS DROP 53 PERCENT OVER 10 YEAR PERIOD

WASHINGTON – Arrests of female juveniles in the U.S. declined by about 53 percent over a 10-year period and accounted for less than one-third of all youth arrests in the U.S. according to a new findings published today by the Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

From 2006 to 2015, arrests involving female juveniles decreased more than 50 percent, from nearly 580,000 to 269,900. Moreover, the number of delinquency cases, petitioned status cases and residential placements involving girls were at their lowest levels since the 1990s. However, girls accounted for a relatively large share of arrests for certain types of crimes, such as larceny-theft (40 percent), simple assault (37 percent) and disorderly conduct (35 percent).

The findings were published in a bulletin produced by the National Center for Juvenile Justice using funds from OJJDP. The bulletin presents a statistical portrait of girls in the juvenile justice system and is drawn from three national data collections: the FBI’s Uniform Crime reporting Program, OJJDP’s National Juvenile Court Data Archive, and OJJDP’s Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement.

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