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**READOUT OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
KATHARINE T. SULLIVAN'S APPEARANCE AT THE
FORECASTING NEXT GENERATION LAW ENFORCEMENT
APPROACHES TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING ROUNDTABLE
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WASHINGTON, DC – Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan today addressed a group of local and federal investigators and police executives during the opening of a roundtable on human trafficking. The meeting was organized by OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance in conjunction with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The roundtable convened leaders in the field of human trafficking investigation to explore current practices, discuss challenges and identify new approaches to strengthening the law enforcement response to victims. Proceedings will be used to inform BJA's future program development decisions.

As of fiscal year 2018, BJA and OJP's Office for Victims of Crime jointly supported 29 multidisciplinary task forces constructed on a design known as the Enhanced Collaborative Model. These ECM task forces investigate and prosecute human trafficking crimes at the state and federal levels while working to ensure that trafficking survivors receive comprehensive services. Last year, OJP awarded more than \$67 million to combat human trafficking and serve trafficking victims. More awards are forthcoming.

Citing progress in the nation's response to human trafficking, PDAAG Sullivan challenged attendees to help OJP remain responsive to developments in the field. She explained that, under the leadership of Attorney General Barr, the Department of Justice will continue to help the nation's law enforcement professionals organize and mobilize for the fight against human trafficking.

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