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**READOUT OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
KATHARINE T. SULLIVAN'S APPEARANCE AT THE
GLOBAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SHARING INITIATIVE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2019**

WASHINGTON, DC – Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan today addressed approximately 60 federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement and criminal justice professionals and members of national organizations during the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative, or Global, Advisory Committee meeting. She was joined by Bureau of Justice Assistance Acting Director Tracey Trautman.

The Global Advisory Committee provides policy guidance to the Attorney General on issues around the exchange of criminal justice information. It consists of officials from federal, state, local, tribal and other justice agencies and organizations. The committee has identified several priorities: addressing methamphetamine abuse associated with the opioid crisis, ensuring school safety (by identifying common data elements in school violence threat assessments and establishing guidance on the reporting of tips and leads), closing information gaps in immigration enforcement and improving disposition reporting to criminal history records systems.

PDAAG Sullivan underscored the Attorney General's commitment to effective information sharing and affirmed his and OJP's support of the committee's work. She also announced awards totaling almost \$29 million to the six Regional Information Sharing System centers. RISS centers work with more than 9,200 federal, state, local and tribal public safety agencies to share millions of criminal history records. Another \$4.7 million in funds is being awarded by OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance to provide technical assistance and technology support.

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