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**READOUT OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
KATHARINE T. SULLIVAN'S APPEARANCE AT THE
RURAL-TRIBAL OUTREACH SESSION AND THE MINNESOTA ELDER JUSTICE
ROUNDTABLE
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

ST. PAUL, MN – Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan today addressed a training and outreach session for potential grant applicants from rural and tribal communities in Minnesota. She also took part in a statewide roundtable discussion of issues related to elder abuse and elder fraud.

The outreach session was designed to give an overview of funding opportunities from OJP and offer guidance for rural and tribal communities interested in applying for Department of Justice grants. PDAAG Sullivan told the audience that OJP grants totaling almost \$270 million are now active in Minnesota, supporting victim services, child protection and delinquency prevention programs, and efforts to curb the opioid crisis, among other initiatives. She said the Attorney General wants to expand the Department's support of public safety in less populated areas of the country. The Minnesota session is one of several being offered across the nation. Trainings have been held in Kansas, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota, with sessions in Arizona, New Mexico and Wisconsin to take place this week.

At the elder justice roundtable, PDAAG Sullivan joined U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota Erica MacDonald; Associate Deputy Attorney General and National Elder Justice Coordinator Antoinette (Toni) Bacon; Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison; and federal, state and local officials and community advocates from across Minnesota. She told participants that OJP's Office for Victims of Crime awarded almost \$15 million last year to combat elder fraud and abuse. Funding supports legal services for seniors, multidisciplinary responses to elder abuse, mobile apps and other technology to aid elder victims, and a National Elder Abuse Training and Technical Assistance Center.

PDAAG Sullivan also visited Cornerstone Advocacy Services, a victim assistance organization that serves victims of domestic violence. Cornerstone receives OVC funding through the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs to support a variety of services, including shelter, crisis counseling, therapy and referrals. The organization also receives funds from the Department's Office on Violence Against Women to serve victims with disabilities.

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