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### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE EXAMINES USING FORENSIC INTELLIGENCE TO SOLVE VIOLENT AND SERIAL CRIMES

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice today published an article detailing how forensic intelligence works in practice, with a particular focus on its role in analyzing serial and violent crimes such as those involving gun violence, sexual assault, illicit drugs, and human trafficking.

“Integrating forensic evidence into the intelligence process is an evolutionary next step in reducing, disrupting, and preventing serial and organized violent crimes,” said NIJ Director David Muhlhausen. “NIJ is committed to examining and communicating the potential of forensic intelligence tools and models for law enforcement agencies across the United States.”

Forensic intelligence refers to the ways that forensic data can be gathered and analyzed to help identify links, patterns, and trends pertinent to criminal activity with a potential to advance investigation and prosecution of violent and serial offenders. Analysis of these data can also produce actionable information for disrupting and preventing crime.

**TITLE:** *Using Forensic Intelligence to Combat Serial and Organized Violent Crimes*

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The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training and technical assistance, and

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