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### *WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF*

***AG Holder Speaks at the National Youth Violence Summit*** – In remarks at the National Summit on Preventing Youth Violence on Monday, April 2, at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C., Attorney General Eric Holder said, “The importance of protecting our children from harm has been at the forefront of our national discourse – the urgency of this challenge has been brought into stark focus. And the need to take action has never been more clear.” Acting Assistant Attorney General Mary Lou Leary added, “This is not a problem any of us can solve alone, especially in this tough fiscal climate... By emphasizing partnerships, evidence-based and data-driven strategies, and a balanced approach, we’ve found a good formula for channeling our collective resolve.”

***BJS Releases Methods for Counting High-Frequency Repeat Offenders in the NCVS*** –The Office of Justice Program’s Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) report examines the nature and extent of series victimization in the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). The report assesses the general pattern of victims’ responses to the question, “How many times did this type of incident occur,” and provides data on how reports of high-volume repeated victimization have changed over time. It describes how different procedures for counting series victimizations affect estimates of the victimization level and describes the annual rate of change for various types of crime. It also describes how BJS will change counting practices for estimating annual victimization rates in future reports.

***NIJ Conference Registration Opens*** – Registration is now open for persons interested in attending the 2012 National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Conference, scheduled for Monday, June 18 to Wednesday, June 20, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Va. For more than a decade, NIJ's annual conference has brought together criminal justice scholars, policymakers and practitioners at the local, state and federal levels to share the most recent findings from research and technology. To register, visit <http://www.nijconference2012.com/>.

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