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**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO HONOR FOUR INDIVIDUALS AT
NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY CEREMONY**

WASHINGTON—Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will recognize law enforcement officers, a prosecutor and a concerned citizen from Florida, Missouri, North Dakota and Wisconsin for their efforts to recover missing children, rescue children from abuse and prosecute sexual predators at the annual National Missing Children's Day commemoration at the Justice Department's Great Hall, on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.**

Yvonne Pointer, a renowned anti-violence activist, philanthropist and author whose 14 year-old daughter was abducted, raped and murdered, will be a featured speaker. Pointer has launched a number of crime prevention programs and has received numerous national awards for her charitable and philanthropic work. At the event, the Justice Department will announce newly translated publications to support Spanish-speaking child abduction survivors and their siblings.

WHO: James M. Cole, Deputy Attorney General
Mary Lou Leary, Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Justice Programs
Melodee Hanes, Acting Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Ernie Allen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
Yvonne Pointer, anti-violence activist and author

WHEN: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**
2:00 p.m. EDT

WHERE: The Great Hall, U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530
OPEN PRESS

NOTE: All media **MUST PRESENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO ID** (such as a driver's license) as well as **VALID MEDIA CREDENTIALS**. A Department representative

will be available for Spanish-language interviews. Live feed capability must be requested by Tuesday, May 22. All press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Starr Stepp at 202-514-9870.