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## **DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL RECOGNIZES IDAHO DETECTIVE FOR INVESTIGATIONS OF SUSPECTED CHILD PORNOGRAPHERS**

WASHINGTON – Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein today honored Moscow, Idaho, Police Department Forensic Detective Eric Kjorness (pronounced “Churn-ess”) for his role in investigating 15 cases of possession and distribution of child pornography across multiple jurisdictions in Idaho and Washington state.

Rosenstein presented Kjorness with the Missing Children’s Child Protection Award during the Department’s National Missing Children’s Day ceremony. The award recognizes extraordinary efforts of law enforcement officers who make a significant investigative or program contribution to protect children from abuse or victimization.

Kjorness’ investigations resulted in the examination of 40 electronic devices and the recovery of more than one million child pornography images and videos. Two cases were prosecuted and seven more referred to other jurisdictions or are pending charges. Four suspects pled guilty. Additionally, Kjorness provides presentations to public schools, PTA and civic groups to educate children and parents about child enticement via the Internet and online chat rooms.

In addition to Kjorness, the deputy attorney general recognized one other law enforcement officer, two Internet Crimes Against Children task forces, and a private citizen for their efforts to protect children. Rosenstein also recognized Audrey Link, a fifth grader at Resurrection Catholic School in Lakeland, Florida, as the 18th winner of the Annual National Missing Children’s Day poster contest.

Additional information is available online about [National Missing Children’s Day](#).

The Office of Justice Programs, headed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan R. Hanson, provides federal leadership in developing the nation’s capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice and assist victims. OJP has six bureaus and offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime; and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART). More information about OJP and its components can be found at [www.ojp.gov](http://www.ojp.gov).

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