

**Report to the United States Congress
Activities of the Review Panel on Prison Rape in Calendar Year 2020**

In accordance with Section 4(c)(1)(A) of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003, Pub. L. No. 108-79, 117 Stat. 972 (codified as amended at 34 U.S.C. §§ 30301-30309 (formerly 42 U.S.C. §§ 15601-15609 (2006))), the Attorney General submits this report to Congress on the activity of the Review Panel on Prison Rape (Panel) in calendar year 2020.

Under PREA, the duty of the Panel is to hold public hearings concerning the operations of the three prisons with the highest incidence of sexual victimization and the two prisons with the lowest incidence of sexual victimization in each category of facilities identified in data gathered by BJS. *Id.* The purpose of the hearings is to aid BJS in identifying the common characteristics of institutions with the highest and lowest prevalence of sexual victimization as well as in identifying the common characteristics of victims and perpetrators. *Id.* In 2010, the Attorney General, through BJS, designated juvenile justice facilities as one of the prison categories under Section 4(c)(4) of PREA that merited a survey on the incidence of sexual victimization. Based on its most recent survey of youth in the custody of juvenile justice facilities, BJS published, *Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth in Juvenile Facilities, 2018* (December 11, 2019) [hereinafter *BJS Juvenile Report*], which is available online at <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/svryjf18.pdf>.

Appointment of New Panel Members

In calendar year 2020, the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Katharine Sullivan, pursuant to a delegation of authority from the

Attorney General and in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Humans Services, appointed an entirely new Panel. The new Panel members are:

Doug Dretke, executive director of the Criminal Justice Center's Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) whose term commenced on August 8th, 2020; Wendy Leach, a correctional consultant, formerly with The Moss Group, Inc., whose term commenced on November 2nd, 2020; and Peter Perroncello, a correctional consultant and previously a jail administrator, whose term commenced on August 8th, 2020.

Virtual Orientation for New Panel with OCR and Stakeholders

On November 30th and December 1st, 2020, the Panel convened a two-day virtual orientation meeting with several constituency groups, including those representing victim advocates and correctional institutions, to ensure that its work serves all who have a stake in eliminating sexual victimization in correctional settings. The Panel will hold hearings in 2021.