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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO CONVENE NATIONAL EXPERTS FOR WEBCAST ON PREVENTING GANG ACTIVITY

Who: - Attorney General, Alberto R. Gonzales (opening message: taped)

- Doris McMillon: Veteran journalist whose experience includes senior positions at NBC, FOX, ABC, and the U.S. Information Agency
- Dr. Scott Decker: Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri St. Louis
- Rev. Melvin Jackson: Pastor, Christian Love Baptist Church and Founder, Westside Community Ministries, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Thomas Jackson: Nashville Police Department, national Gang Resistance Education & Training (GREAT) program
- Deborah Rhodes, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Alabama

What: The U.S. Department of Justice Offices of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will co-host a two-part panel discussion/webcast between civic leaders and criminal justice professionals on preventing gang violence in communities and addressing the many issues associated with gangs. The discussions will help communities assess the extent of their local problem and highlight successful strategies that law enforcement and communities are using to address gang violence and protect youth from the negative consequences of gang activity.

These interactive discussions will be broadcast live via the internet, and will provide opportunities for viewers throughout the country to participate, in real-time, via e-mail. To view or participate in the webcasts, visit www.DojConnect.com and register. On the day of the webcast, you must return to the site and login at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the broadcast. During the webcast there will be opportunities to submit questions to the panel of experts regarding your local concerns about gangs. If you are unable to view the programs live, they will be archived at www.DojConnect.com, and you may view them at any time over the next 12 months.

When: 2:00 P.M.EDT, Tuesday, May 23, 2006 (Pt. I). **Please register at least 15 minutes in advance to ensure that you are able to view the webcast in its entirety;** 2:00 P.M. EDT, Tuesday, June 6, 2006 (Pt. II).

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