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ENDEAVOR POLICE DEPARTMENT JOINS THE WISCONSIN INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

ENDEAVOR – The Endeavor Police Department has joined the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

“We are pleased to have you as a member of the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force and pledge our full support to you as we work together to make Wisconsin safer for our children,” said Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen.

As part of this affiliation, the Endeavor Police Department is eligible for:

- Reimbursement to help fund ICAC related expenses, including computer hardware and software;
- Notification of and priority for sought-after ICAC related training, offered both nationally and in Wisconsin;
- Investigative assistance from highly trained ICAC investigators and forensic computer analysts throughout the state;
- Access to the national ICAC email group;
- Recognition on both the Endeavor Police Department’s website, and on the Wisconsin Department of Justice website;

“Protecting the children of our community is a top priority of the Endeavor Police Department,” said Endeavor Police Chief Dominic V. Ferraro, “I am very grateful for this opportunity to partner with Attorney General Van Hollen in the fight against internet criminals who target our children.”

To learn more about the ICAC Task Force program at the Endeavor Police Department, contact Chief Ferraro at (608) 617-4391 or via e-mail at ferraro@endeavorpd.com. Additional information and educational materials will soon be posted on the Endeavor Police Department’s website: www.endeavorpd.com.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Wisconsin Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. “In the past decade, Wisconsin’s ICAC Task Force and Affiliate Agencies have arrested 639 suspects, executed 808 search warrants, and rescued countless numbers of children throughout the state,” said Van Hollen.

According to Van Hollen, there are over 22,304 internet protocol addresses in Wisconsin containing and offering to distribute known images of child pornography. One in seven children are asked online to engage in sexual activities, sexual talk, or provide personal sexual information.

Van Hollen has placed a priority on law enforcement’s proactive response to the growing problem of internet crimes against children. To that end, Van Hollen has directed a 67% increase in the number of special agents assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force within the Division of Criminal Investigation.

In addition to expanding investigative capacity internally, Van Hollen and the Department of Justice have continued to add additional local affiliates to the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force. The number of local law enforcement partners to the Department of Justice’s ICAC Task Force has nearly quadrupled to 99 since Attorney General Van Hollen took office. You can access a list of affiliates at <http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dci/icac/afflist.asp>.

For more information on how your community can become an affiliate of the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force contact Craig Klyve at (608) 266-1221, klyvecs@doj.state.wi.us or Kris Midthun at (715) 839-3831, midthunkm@doj.state.wi.us.

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