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***U.S. Attorney Timothy Purdon to Participate in Media Conference
at Abused Adult Resource Center to
Observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month***

BISMARCK - United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon will participate in a media conference on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at the Abused Adult Resource Center, 218 West Broadway, Bismarck, to discuss recent Department of Justice grants in excess of \$1.3 million to three North Dakota organizations who assist victims of domestic violence and to commemorate National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Other participants will include:

- * Diane Zainhofsky, Executive Director of the Abused Adult Resource Center, Bismarck,
- * Linda Thompson, Director of the First Nations Women's Alliance, Devils Lake, and
- * Janelle Moos, Executive Director of the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services, Bismarck.

The Abused Adult Resource Center, the First Nations Women's Alliance,

and the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services are all recent grant recipients from the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women.

These grants are targeted as supporting programs aimed at reducing domestic violence and supporting the victims of this crime. The grants are as follows:

Abused Adult Resource Center:

* \$620,669 grant to fund the Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Assistance Program. The primary purpose of this program is to enhance victim safety in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking in rural areas by encouraging collaborative partnerships among criminal justice agencies, victim service providers and community organizations to respond to these crimes.

* \$247,829 grant to fund the Transitional Housing Grant Program. The primary purpose of this program is to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking who are homeless, or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance, including short-term housing assistance and supportive services.

First Nations Women's Alliance:

- * \$300,000 grant to fund the Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program. This program supports the development and operation of nonprofit, non-governmental, tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions.

North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services:

- * \$211,181 grant to fund the State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program. This program supports state coalition efforts to coordinate victim services within the state as well as collaborate with other federal, state and local entities to respond to violence against women.

In Bismarck, U.S. Attorney Purdon said, "I will be visiting the Abused Adult Resource Center and celebrating these Department of Justice grants with the recipients in order to observe October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Violence against women is the seed to so many other forms of violence. Because domestic violence continues to have a devastating effect on families and on entire communities, eradicating it remains a top priority of the Department of Justice."

U.S. Attorney and DOJ Grantees Media Conference:

When: Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.

**Where: Abused Adult Resource Center, 218 West Broadway,
Bismarck, North Dakota**

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