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Prosecutors in ND, SD warn about human trafficking

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San Francisco Chronicle on July 17, 2012 released the following:

"DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Top federal prosecutors from North and South Dakota have added human trafficking to their list of crimes affecting Native Americans at an increased rate in the two states.

U.S. attorneys Brendan Johnson of South Dakota and Timothy Purdon of North Dakota said during a conference on family violence Tuesday that both states are seeing more cases of girls and young women being recruited for prostitution and drug rings.

Three new indictments for human trafficking have been handed down in South Dakota in the last three months, Johnson said.

"You have people who treat their victims like they're not humans," Johnson said after talking to a group that included police, social workers, prosecutors, counselors and community leaders.

The operations are formed mainly in populated areas, but American Indian girls are particularly at risk, the prosecutors said. Some of them were recruited by a Sioux Falls-area man who was convicted last year of sex trafficking of a child. "These young girls were brutalized. They were humiliated," Johnson said. Brandon Thompson, 28, of Tea, S.D., was sentenced to life in prison on the sex trafficking charge. "This is one area where the federal government has gotten it right," Johnson said of the penalty.

A recent sex trafficking case in North Dakota involved several victims from the Fort Berthold Reservation. Dustin Morsette, 22, of New Town, was convicted of sex trafficking, sexual abuse, drug trafficking and witness tampering. He is awaiting sentencing.

Authorities said Morsette recruited minors and young adults to be part of a gang he described as the Black Disciples. He allegedly forced gang members to distribute marijuana for him and engage in sex acts with him.

One of the investigators in that case, Bureau of Indian Affairs agent Mike White, said the increase in oil workers has added to worries about sex trafficking. But he said recent convictions on human trafficking and other violent crime has made victims and others more willing to help law enforcement.

"I have hope. I've seen it already," White said in an interview Tuesday. "Once they know people are being prosecuted, they are coming forward."

Purdon, the U.S. attorney from North Dakota, said the campaign against violent crime on the reservation is a long process. He noted that an American Indian woman born in the United States has a 1-in-3 chance of being sexually assaulted in her lifetime.

"Improving public safety in Indian country is not something you are going to knock out in two years," he said. "If we

Justice Department Files Lawsuit Requiring Rutherford County, Tenn., to Allow Mosque to Open in City of Murfreesboro

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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The Justice Department announced today that it has filed a federal lawsuit against Rutherford County, Tenn., alleging that the county violated the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA) when, in compliance with a state chancery court ruling, it refused to process or issue a certificate of occupancy to the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro for a recently constructed mosque. The department's complaint states that a certificate of occupancy is needed immediately so that the Islamic Center can hold worship services at the new facility during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which begins at sundown on July 19. can sustain this for a period of years, I am hopeful, I am confident, we can impact some of these statistics we find to be unacceptable.""

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Justice Department Obtains \$855,000 Judgment Against Cincinnati Landlord for Sexually Harassing His Tenants

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Cincinnati landlord Henry E. Bailey agreed to the entry of an \$855,000 civil judgment against him, after admitting that he violated the Fair Housing Act as alleged in a complaint filed by the Justice Department in federal court.

New Jersey Man Indicted for Allegedly Making Online Threats Against Wegmans CEO and President

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on July 17, 2012 released the following:

"ROCHESTER, NY—U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced that Hans Ni, 31, of Trenton, New Jersey, was charged in a two-count indictment with transmitting interstate threats against the CEO and president of Wegmans Food Market. Each of the charges carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000, fine or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant, a New Jersey resident and former Wegmans employee, is accused of sending threats to kill and murder both the chief executive officer and the president of Wegmans. The threats were sent over the Internet from a fictitious e-mail account from a library in New Jersey. The fictitious e-mail account was in the name of the defendant's former supervisor at Wegmans, who had been involved in the defendant's termination from Wegmans in 2005.

A date for the defendant's arraignment on the charges has not yet been scheduled. The indictment is the culmination of an investigation on the part of special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Crimes Task Force, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Christopher M. Piehota; Cyber Crimes Task Force officers from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn; and the Rochester Police Department, under the direction of Chief James Shephard. The fact that a defendant has been

charged with a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty."

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FBI searches house belonging to mayor of Trenton, N.J.

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FBI Agents Search the home belonging to Mayor Tony Mack (credit: Martin Griff / The Times)

USA Today on July 18, 2012 released the following:

"TRENTON, N.J. (AP) – FBI agents carried out bags and boxes following a search of the home belonging to the mayor of New Jersey's capital city. There's been no sign of Mayor Tony Mack and it's not clear what led to the

raid in Trenton early Wednesday. Messages left by the Associated Press seeking comment from the FBI have not been returned.

Mack has drawn criticism since he was elected in 2010. The Democrat's first term in office has been punctuated by accusations of reckless spending and nepotism.

Under an agreement reached last year, Mack can hire department heads only



from a pool of applicants the state offers or he risks losing \$6 million in state aid. A citizens group last year failed to get enough signatures to force a recall election."

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Federal prosecutors seek prison psychologist's personal notes on Tucson shooting suspect

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The Washington Post on July 17, 2012 released the following: "By Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Federal prosecutors say they want to see a prison psychologist's personal notes on Tucson shooting rampage suspect Jared Lee Loughner.

In a motion filed Tuesday, prosecutors asked a federal judge for Bureau of Prisons psychologist Dr. Christina Pietz's personal notes from her latest competency evaluations of Loughner from Feb. 8 to June 7.

Prosecutors say the pages containing Pietz's notes of conversations with defense counsel can be redacted from the government's copies.

Former CFO of North Carolina Assisted Living Facility Chain Pleads Guilty to Tax Fraud Conspiracy

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 3:25 PM July 18, 2012

Michael R. Elliott, former chief financial officer of Caremerica Inc., pleaded guilty today to conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Justice Department and IRS announced.

Hacker Sentenced to Seven Years in Prison for Role in Two Hacking Schemes Involving a Total of More Than 240,000 Stolen Credit Card Numbers

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 3:53 PM July 18, 2012

Aleksandr Suvorov, of Estonia, was sentenced today to seven years in prison for his role in two separate hacking schemes involving a total of more than 240,000 stolen credit card numbers.

U.S. v. Wiley Chandler

(Antitrust Division: Upcoming Public Hearings)

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Status hearing has been scheduled for September 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Loughner has pleaded not guilty to 49 charges stemming from the January 2011 shooting that killed six people and wounded former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and 12 others. He remains in custody at a Missouri prison facility where he's undergoing treatment to make him mentally fit to stand trial. A status hearing is scheduled Aug. 7."

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Former New York Employee of a Financial Institution Pleads Guilty for His Role in Fraud Conspiracy Involving Municipal Bonds

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 4:24 PM July 18, 2012 A former financial institution employee pleaded guilty today for his participation in a conspiracy related to municipal bonds.

Maine Resident Charged and Arrested for Allegedly Engaging in Cyber "Sextortion" of New Hampshire Victim

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 4-47 PM July 18, 2012 John Bryan Villegas, 21, of Kittery, Maine, was arrested yesterday and made his initial appearance today in federal court in New Hampshire.

Rafael J. Garcia, Jr. Named Special Agent in Charge of the Intelligence Division at FBI Los Angeles

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U.S. v. Homy Hong-Ming Hsu, et al.

(Antitrust Division: Upcoming Public Hearings)

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Status hearing has been scheduled for July 24, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. Pacific

Fugitives Added to U.S. Marshals Service New Mexico's Most Wanted

(U.S. Marshals Service News) Submitted at 5:15 PM July 18, 2012

July 18, 2012 - The U.S. Marshal Service in New Mexico added Jose Alfredo Corral and Mark Anthony Carlson to the New Mexico's Most Wanted list. Corral and Carlson were placed on the Gang Offender section of the list.