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STENEHJEM TO MEET WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS

BISMARCK – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem is traveling to Regina, Saskatchewan, to participate in a one-day Methamphetamine conference with government officials representing the departments of Justice, Health, and Public Safety from the four western provinces and three territories. The meeting will take place June 10, 2005.

Aware of Stenehjem's efforts to combat Meth in North Dakota, Canadian officials invited him to join the discussions. It is anticipated that officials will address efforts to strengthen enforcement, and possible legislative initiatives.

"I am honored to participate in this meeting. As we all know, the trafficking of methamphetamine has no boundaries. If sharing North Dakota's experiences, legislative action, or current treatment and education practices can help Canadian authorities, it will also benefit this state," said Stenehjem.

Stenehjem will review key legislation passed by the 2005 Legislative Assembly, including limitations on the sale of meth precursors, random testing of individuals on bail for meth related charges, and a pilot treatment program for first time felons.

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