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OFFICERS TO RECEIVE TRAINING TO CATCH INTERNET PREDATORS

BISMARCK – Thirty officers from law enforcement agencies across the state will begin training on Monday January 4, 2010, to learn investigative techniques for online investigations of internet predators, announced Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, who will open the class.

“This training is part of the state’s ongoing efforts to stop online trafficking in child pornography and protect our children from online predators,” said Stenehjem. “Once trained, these officers will join a team of local, state and federal officers across the nation who are working together to catch and prosecute these Internet predators.”

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation received certification as the state’s Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) agency in 2006, and provides the training. Stenehjem’s office has already provided training to officers from 22 local, state and federal agencies in North Dakota.

“I want these predators to know that if they are using the internet to exploit or victimize our children, watch out. Law enforcement is out there, watching and waiting for you,” said Stenehjem.

Monday’s training will begin at 8:00 am at the North Dakota Association of Counties Building in Bismarck.

A second four-day intensive training course, covering online undercover techniques for law enforcement officers, will be held in March 2010.

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