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### *Robert Listenbee, Jr. Assumes Leadership of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention*

WASHINGTON— Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary announced that Robert L. Listenbee, Jr. has assumed the role as administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). A highly respected public defender and juvenile justice system reformer, Listenbee began as OJJDP administrator Monday.

“Bob Listenbee will bring tremendous leadership and experience to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in efforts to support positive youth development and keep our children safe from violence,” said Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Leary.

Before joining OJJDP as administrator, Listenbee co-chaired Attorney General Eric Holder’s National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence and served as a member of OJJDP’s Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, which advises the President, Congress, and the OJJDP Administrator on juvenile justice policy. Previously, Listenbee served as a trial lawyer at the Defender Association of Philadelphia, and served as chief of its Juvenile Unit. He received his B.A. from Harvard University and his J.D. from the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

Administrator Listenbee assumes leadership of OJJDP from Melodee Hanes, who served as acting administrator since January 2012. Hanes successfully championed initiatives to reduce both children’s exposure to violence and the high volume of students entering the juvenile justice system following school suspensions. She brought renewed focus to ensuring children are treated fairly by the juvenile justice system and has led an ongoing effort to reorganize OJJDP to better meet this essential mission. Hanes will become OJJDP’s principal deputy administrator.

OJJDP provides national leadership and resources to communities across the country to address juvenile delinquency and victimization. For more information on OJJDP’s efforts, please visit: [www.ojjdp.gov](http://www.ojjdp.gov)

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