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The Bulger Fugitive Task Force (BFTF), comprised of agents and officers from the FBI, State Police, Department of Correction and prosecutors from the United States Attorney's Office, is making audio recordings of fugitive James "Whitey" Bulger available to all media outlets.

Although recordings were taken prior to Bulger's fugitive status, we believe that they depict the unique sound of Bulger's voice, and may be recognizable by anyone who may have come in contact with him.

The audio recordings were taken by the FBI, and are being released at this time, as the BFTF believes the international exposure of the recordings will be beneficial to the fugitive investigation. In keeping with our policy, the audio is being made available to all media outlets.

The audio will be available today, on the United States Attorney's Office website, **http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/ma/press.html**

A reward of up to \$1,000,000 is being offered for any information leading directly to the arrest of James J. Bulger. Individuals with information concerning Bulger should take no action themselves, but instead immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI or local law enforcement agency. Bulger is considered armed and extremely dangerous. For any possible sighting outside the United States, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Tips may be directed to **800-CALL-FBI** or **http://www.fbi.gov/tips.**

Additional information regarding James J. Bulger is also available on the FBI's Internet Home Page at <u>http://www.fbi.gov.</u>