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PROJECT CHILDSAFE PRAISED

(Beaumont, Texas) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today his endorsement of a nationwide program to prevent accidental firearm-related injuries and deaths to children. Orwig praised Project ChildSafe, the largest and most comprehensive firearms safety education program in the country.

Project ChildSafe is in the midst of a campaign to distribute more than 20 million free gun locks and safety education materials across the country. Sponsors of Project ChildSafe are currently undertaking a 52 day tour of Texas and are distributing safety kits to more than 400 police departments and nearly 90 sheriff's offices. By the end of the tour, more than one million gun locks will have been distributed to Texans.

U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig, supports the effort, "This initiative is an effective way to prevent needless tragedies. It empowers parents and others who may own firearms to get free assistance so they will have the tools they need to keep guns secure in their homes."

Project ChildSafe was developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and funded through a grant from the Department of Justice and Project Safe

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Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive strategic approach to reducing gun violence in America, which is a top domestic criminal justice initiative of President George W. Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft.

If you are interested in getting a free gun lock or the safety material, contact your police department or sheriff's office. You can also visit the Project ChildSafe website, www.projectchildsafe.org for more information.

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