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NEW WEBSITE PROFILES BANK ROBBERS AND FUGITIVES THROUGHOUT NEW ORLEANS METRO AREA

David W. Welker, Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the New Orleans Division of the FBI was joined today by Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) SAC Jimmy Fox, New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) Superintendent Ronal Serpas, Kenner Police Department (KPD) Chief Steve Caraway, United States Attorney's (USA) Assistant/USA Chris Cox, Jefferson Parish (JPSO) Sheriff Newell Normand, Jefferson Parish District Attorney Paul Connick, St. Bernard Parish (SBPSO) Sheriff Jack Stephens, Electronic Tracking SystemsSM (ETS), South Central Regional Managing Director Monte Dunn, and Crime Stoppers Executive Director Darlene Cusanza in announcing a new website that will help in investigating and solving bank robberies and locating fugitives.

The new website is a joint effort of the multi-agency law enforcement New Orleans Violent Crime Task Force (NOVCTF), and ETS, a Carrollton, Texas based leader in asset tracking systems. The NOVCTF focuses on the most significant violent criminals in the New Orleans metropolitan area and is comprised of members of the FBI, DEA, LSP, NOPD, KPD, JPSO, and SBPSO.

The website, www.bandittrackerneworleans.com, features color photos and descriptions of bank robbers and fugitives throughout the FBI's New Orleans Division. People can now go to one website to see all the bank robbers and fugitives

who are being sought within the New Orleans FBI territory. The site will provide 24-hour access for the public, bank employees and the news media. The site also features a map of where the crimes occurred, and it will provide confidential information to law enforcement around the clock. SAC Welker said, "As with most investigations conducted by law enforcement, the public's help is an invaluable resource. Citizens who know their communities and the people in them are truly our first line of defense. By utilizing technology, we hope to augment and more effectively use our limited resources. We are pleased to be partnering with the website and expect it to be beneficial in the solution of bank robberies and identification and location of violent fugitives."

Other FBI offices have launched similar BanditTracker™ sites with great success in Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, and Texas. The sites receive exposure on more than a dozen Internet search engines. As a result, BanditTracker has visitors from 135 countries and more than 9,000 different cities. To date, BanditTracker sites have received more than 400,000 visits with suspect photos displayed more than 13 million times.

The first of the BanditTracker sites was designed in 2007 by the FBI and ETS. ETS specializes in tracking and location and works closely with law enforcement, financial institutions and businesses to capture bank robbers and other felony offenders. The use of BanditTracker is free to law enforcement agencies. Monte Dunn, the South Central Regional Managing Director for ETS said, "We are very pleased that the ETS-facilitated Community Coalition, consisting of financial institutions, law enforcement agencies and our company, can provide the unique support offered by the BanditTracker site to aid our law enforcement partners in New Orleans."

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