House Judiciary Subcommittee to Investigate Katrina's Impact on New Orleans Criminal Justice System

(New Orleans, LA)- The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security will hold a field hearing on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 in New Orleans titled, "Katrina's Impact on Crime and the Criminal Justice System in New Orleans." The hearing will be held at 10:00 am at Dillard University's Lawless Memorial Chapel, 2601 Gentilly Boulevard. Subcommittee Chairman Robert "Bobby" Scott (D-VA) hopes to find policy solutions for the problems the city's criminal justice system has faced.

"The flooding after Hurricane Katrina had a devastating impact on all aspects of life in New Orleans, including its criminal justice operations," said Chairman Scott. "The Subcommittee will determine whether additional federal assistance is needed to address the problems caused by the devastation."

**WHO:** House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

Panel I:

Mayor C. Ray Nagin; Honorable Oliver Thomas, City Council President; Rep. William Jefferson (D-LA); Rep. Bobby Jindal (D-LA); and Dr. Marvalene Hughes, President, Dillard University.

Panel II:

Orleans Parish District Attorney Eddie Jordan; New Orleans Police Superintendent Warren Riley; and Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff Marlin Gusman.
Panel III:

Professor Peter Scharf, University of New Orleans; Dr. Howard Osofsky, psychiatrist; and Juvenile Court Judge Ernestine Gray.

Panel IV:

U.S. Attorney Jim Letten and Representatives from the local Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and US Marshal Service (USMS) offices;

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 10, 10:00 am

**WHERE:** Lawless Memorial Chapel, Dillard University, 2601 Gentilly Blvd.

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