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FREE VIDEO HELPS PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ONLINE PREDATORS

Montgomery County Lawyers and D.A. Office Collaborate to Teach Parents and Educators the Essentials

Norristown, PA: -- The Montgomery Bar Association (MBA) Community Outreach Committee today announced the release of a 45-minute television program and DVD titled ***The Process of a Sexual Predator***. The program intends to provide parents and educators with many of the tools needed to protect children from the very real threat of online sexual predators in our community.

In total, over 300 copies of the free DVD video have already been distributed to area schools, libraries, parent groups and others who've expressed interest throughout our community. The Bar Association has partnered with Comcast who has made the program available for its digital subscribers via the "Local Scene" section of their increasingly popular Video-on-Demand service.

In the program (hosted by Lansdale Attorney, Elizabeth L. Lippy), past and present members of the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Sexual Assault Task Force provide chilling yet realistic perspectives from their experience in the trenches. Viewers will witness a live chat room demonstration and learn about other hotbeds for online predators. The program also uncovers key prosecution and defense strategies, ramifications and common misconceptions about Megan's Law, how sexual predators get caught and most importantly, how to protect their children from being victimized.

To generate early interest, the MBA announced prerelease availability of the video at the U.S. Attorney's Eastern District *Web Wise Kids* training program for middle school teachers and faculty, held recently at Montgomery County Community College. Montgomery County D.A. Risa Vetri Ferman announced the release in her opening remarks and several dozen preorders for the DVD are already being fulfilled for parent/classroom training.

Generous funding for the program was provided by the Montgomery County Office of the District Attorney. Additional funding was provided by the Bar Association Community Outreach Committee and Commerce Bank. Parents are encouraged to tune into Comcast's Video-On-Demand Service, Select "Local Scene" and choose the program titled "Online Predator Video". Groups may request a free copy of the video by dropping by the Montgomery Bar Building at 100 West Airy Street in Norristown M-F between 9 AM and 4 PM or; by contacting the Montgomery Bar Association: 610-279-9660, Ext. 213 or e-mail: jim@montgomerybar.org.

About the Montgomery Bar Association

Established in 1885 to professionalize the county's practice of law, the Montgomery Bar Association (MBA) is one of our nation's oldest and most respected bar associations, representing over 2,100 legal professionals in Montgomery County. Now, as then, the MBA exists to uphold legal and ethical standards in our legal community. As the 3rd largest Bar in Pennsylvania, the MBA has a longstanding tradition of service to its membership and the community. For members, the MBA offers an important arena for networking, professional development and education. For the community, the MBA serves as a legal resource offering education, legal assistance and funds and resources for agencies in need. The Association is actively engaged in public service through community outreach, free educational events offered throughout the year, programs like the Montgomery Child Advocacy Project, the Mock Trial Competitions for high-school students, and more. For more information on the Montgomery Bar Association, visit www.montgomerybar.org.

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