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Toney campaign: Josh Kaul's mismanagement of DOJ is allowing child sex predators to roam free and leaving families less safe

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MADISON, Wis. – Today, Fond du Lac County District Attorney and law enforcement's choice for Attorney General, Eric Toney, held a press conference outside of the Risser Justice Center to discuss DOJ's partial response to his public records request regarding the backlog of 1,000+ internet child sex predator referrals this year at Kaul's Department of Justice – leaving child sex predators free to roam the streets.

Toney released the following statement:

"The partial response I received from Kaul's DOJ only provided dates that referrals were received – not when they were assigned for investigation – failing to inform the public on just how bad this ICAC backlog has been.

"With eight days left before the election, Kaul is trying to hide this egregious failure from the public. The voters deserve to know just how dangerous Kaul's mismanagement of DOJ truly is. Wisconsin parents and children can't afford another four years of Kaul's public safety failures."

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) referrals include child sex predators who:

-Possess child pornography
-Obtain nude photos of children over the internet; and

-Coerce children to meet them for the commission of heinous and deviant sexual crimes.

Retired Dane County Sheriff Gary Hamblin added:

“Public safety is a fundamental responsibility of state and local government. Today, crime is not just confined in Milwaukee, Madison, Racine, and Kenosha – it’s spread throughout our community here in Dane County. It’s in DeForest, Marshall, Oregon, Black Earth, and Mount Horeb. All of those places are experiencing crime and there’s no leadership at the state level to take on the responsibility of fighting crime and supporting law enforcement.

“I’m proud to say that Eric is supported by well over 100 Sheriffs, District Attorneys, and Police Chiefs all across the state,” Hamblin said. “These are the people that are on the front line providing for public safety for all of our communities. They know that we need leadership and they know that under the current Attorney General, Josh Kaul, that leadership is lacking. They’ve endorsed Eric because they know that he will provide the leadership and the support for law enforcement that’s necessary in these critical times.”*Toney was joined at today’s press conference by retired Dane County Sheriff Gary Hamblin, Dane County Supervisor Jeff Weigand, and Jeff Twing from the Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police.*

District Attorney Eric Toney has endorsements from over 100 Republican and Democrat Sheriffs, District Attorneys, and Police Chiefs, and has been unanimously endorsed by the Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge, the Milwaukee Police Association, the Racine Police Association, the West Allis Professional Police Association, the Waukesha County Chiefs of Police Association, the Racine Deputy Sheriffs’ Association, the Kenosha Professional Police Association, the Wisconsin Troopers Association, and the Milwaukee Police Supervisors Organization.