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**Rosebud County Sheriff Randy Allies First to Implement Innovative
Biometric Technology to Protect Children and Seniors in Montana**
***The Child Project™ - First Iris Recognition Biometric Technology
Implementation in Montana***

(Forsyth, MT) – Rosebud County Sheriff Randy Allies announced the award of the Brigid Sheppard Memorial Grant that will enable his office to become the first Sheriff in Montana to implement The Child Project™ and Senior Safety Net™. The systems enable law enforcement agencies to enroll, identify and locate missing children and adults through the use of iris recognition biometric technology.

At a press conference held at the Rosebud County Sheriff's Office, 180 13th Street South, Forsyth, Montana at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 5, 2009, Rosebud County Sheriff Randy Allies announced the \$10,000 award and demonstrated the system.

Sheriff Allies said, "I am honored and pleased to announce the grant award and the implementation and availability of this innovative technology for the citizens of Rosebud County and the State of Montana."

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In particular, I want to thank my staff for all of their efforts to apply for this grant and their on-going commitment to help us better protect the citizens of Rosebud County and Montana. Thanks to their efforts, we are able to implement The Child Project™ and Senior Safety Net™ in Rosebud County today. I am pleased to be joining my fellow Sheriffs in 38 states who have already implemented this remarkable technology and am proud to be the first Sheriff in Montana to be able to offer this service to our citizens in Rosebud County.”

Sheriff Allies continued, “As sworn law enforcement officers, we do everything we can each day to protect the citizens of our communities – particularly those most vulnerable like our children and seniors. We constantly strive to embrace improved techniques and technologies to improve public safety. Iris biometric technology and The Child Project™ are excellent examples of this innovation. With this grant we will be able to expand our capabilities at no cost to the taxpayers of Rosebud County.”

Peter Y. Flynn, retired Sheriff of Plymouth County, Massachusetts and a co-founder of The Child Project™ and BI2 Technologies said, “We are honored that Sheriff Allies has taken such a leadership role in this national effort. Through the hard work and determination of the Rosebud County Sheriff’s Office, they have successfully accomplished what few other elected officials have been able to – secure private funding specifically to benefit the families, children and seniors of Rosebud County and Montana.”

Sheriff Flynn continued, “The Child Project™ is a secure nationwide network and registry that enables law enforcement and social service agencies to enroll, locate and positively identify missing children and adults with iris biometric recognition technology. Through this network, The Child Project™ compares the unique features contained in the iris against a database of individuals who voluntarily enroll throughout the country to determine identity. Participation is entirely voluntary, just as it is now with fingerprint and photo ID card programs.”

“Today I am very pleased to implement this innovative technology and important program,” said Sheriff Allies. “Thank you for joining me in our effort to help identify and locate missing children, as well as seniors who may wander due to Alzheimer’s disease or dementia. I look forward to providing this added protection to the citizens of Rosebud County and the State of Montana.”

Iris recognition biometric technology positively determines the identity of an individual by capturing a high-resolution digital photograph of an individual’s iris. The technology can tell the difference between twins or even an individual’s right and left eye. The technology is non-intrusive. An image of the iris is captured by simply looking into the camera. The system was developed by Biometric Intelligence & Identification Technologies (BI² Technologies) of Plymouth, Massachusetts. For more information please visit The Child Project’s web site at www.thechildproject.org

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