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### **Attorney General Biden updates community on investigation of Dr. Earl B. Bradley; urges victims and parents to contact state hotlines for counseling and other services**

**Georgetown, DE** – Today, Attorney General Beau Biden held a press conference to update the public on the investigation of Lewes pediatrician, Doctor Earl B. Bradley. In addition, the Attorney General provided information about victim services that are available to community members who have been affected by this case.

“As the Attorney General of this state, and as a parent, I know how concerned the parents and caretakers of children who have been patients of this individual must be,” Attorney General Biden stated. “During the course of this ongoing investigation, we and our law enforcement partners have done – and continue to do – everything in our power to pursue this case to the fullest extent in the criminal justice system. We are acting as quickly as possible to review the substantial amount of evidence seized and will use every resource necessary to continue to conduct a methodical and deliberate investigation.”

On December 16, 2009, Bradley was arrested and a search warrant was executed at his medical practice. As a result, on December 18 he was arrested on several additional charges. He currently faces 33 felony charges, including 8 counts of Rape 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 4 counts of Rape 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 14 counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Child, and 2 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Bradley’s preliminary hearing, scheduled for today in the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas, was continued at his request. It has been rescheduled to January 14, 2010. These charges, and any additional charges which may be warranted as the investigation continues, will be presented to the Grand Jury for indictment. He remains held on \$2.9 million cash bond.

The Delaware Department of Justice, Delaware State Police, and other agencies are coordinating specialized services for victims and their families through its Victim Services units. Attorney General Biden urged all concerned parents and caretakers to contact the Delaware State Police 24-hour Victim Services Hotline at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461) or send an e-mail to a specially-arranged Delaware State Police address - [victim1@state.de.us](mailto:victim1@state.de.us). Callers will speak with a live individual qualified to provide important information and make counseling referrals. They may also be directed to financial assistance provided for counseling and other services through state programs, including the Delaware Victims’ Compensation Assistance Program.

Individuals that have information to provide in this case, including suspicious activity, are urged to call Delaware State Police detectives at (302) 856-5850, ext. 216. Parents of patients or former patients of Dr. Bradley, regardless of the age of the child, are asked to come forward.

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