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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - U.S. Department of the Interior Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs James H. McDivitt will give the keynote address next week at an event commemorating federal law enforcement officers who have given their lives while on duty in Indian Country. The Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial will be held May 3, 2001 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in conjunction with the U.S. Department of the Treasury Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Indian Country Section at the BIA Indian Police Academy in Artesia, N.M.

This year, the name of Officer Kelmar One Feather of the Oglala Lakota Nation Department of Public Safety, White Clay District, Pine Ridge, S.D., will be added to the names of 77 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty since 1852 which are inscribed on three granite rocks that comprise the Memorial. Officer One Feather died on July 1, 2000 as a result of injuries he sustained in a driving accident while transporting prisoners to an adult detention facility in Pine Ridge, S.D.

The Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial was formally dedicated on May 7, 1992 at the Indian Police Academy in Marana, Ariz., and was re-dedicated on May 6, 1993 when the Academy moved to its present location. Representatives from Federal law enforcement offices, national law enforcement organizations, Tribal police departments, city officials and Officer One Feather's family will be in attendance.

who: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

What: Keynote address by James H. McDivitt, Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial

When: 10:30 a.m. (MST), Thursday, May 3, 2001

Where: BIA Indian Police Academy, DOT Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, 1300 West Richey Avenue, Artesia, N.M. Phone: 505-748-8151.

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