

**PORT OF SEATTLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Item No.** 7b  
**Date of Meeting** November 23, 2010

**DATE:** November 16, 2010

**TO:** Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

**FROM:** Colleen Wilson, Chief of Police, Port of Seattle Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Operation Cross Country

"Operation Cross Country" is an enforcement action that is part of the Innocence Lost National Initiative that seeks to recover children who are victimized by prostitution. In the spring of 2003, the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division, in partnership with the Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), formed the Innocence Lost National Initiative to address the growing problem of children forced into prostitution.

On November 6, 2010, six detectives from the Port of Seattle Police Department Criminal Investigations Division participated in Operation Cross Country. This included Detectives Josh Landers, Steve Ivey, Daniel Breed, Kyle Yoshimura, Darin Beam and Bram Urbauer who, along with local FBI, several regional law enforcement agencies, and the NCMEC were involved in this effort. Police departments in the western Washington area were able to recover 24 juvenile prostitutes and arrest nine adult pimps. (Nationally there were 69 children recovered.)

To date, the 39 Innocence Lost Task Forces and working groups have recovered over 1,200 children from the streets. The investigations and subsequent 625 convictions have resulted in lengthy sentences, including multiple 25-years-to-life sentences and the seizure of more than \$3.1 million in assets.

The Port of Seattle Police Department is honored to have played an important part in rescuing children from their adult captors; and we will continue to be involved in important events such as this.