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U.S. Attorney's Office and Project Safe Neighborhoods To Host Town Hall In Kirwan Terrace. It's The First Of Several Planned For Upcoming Months.

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ST. THOMAS -- United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced today that she and federal law enforcement partners, plus members of the district's Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force, will participate in a town hall meeting at the Kirwan Terrace Housing Community on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide community members with an opportunity to share their ideas and concerns about public safety, according to the release. Ms. Shappert will also discuss the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods

(PSN) initiative.

PSN is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime in America by networking existing local programs that target gun crime and providing those programs with additional tools to fit the specific gun crime problems in each area. The goal is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and sustaining that reduction.

"Project Safe Neighborhoods is the centerpiece of our crime reduction strategy," Ms. Shappert said. "It is a tested and proven program to invest in our communities and foster vital partnerships. PSN enables the United States Attorney's Office, together with our law enforcement partners, to target and prioritize criminal prosecutions on the most violent people in the most violent areas.

"Second, we engage with a wide variety of stakeholders—from federal and local law enforcement, to community groups, educators, faith-based organizations, and victims' advocates—in order to identify the needs specific to our communities and to develop strategies to reduce crime. The Kirwan Terrace Community Town Hall Meeting is a wonderful opportunity for us to hear what matters most to the citizens who live there."

Ms. Shappert emphasized that the June 14 town hall is only one of several PSN outreach activities planned for the upcoming months.