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U.S. Secret Service Signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Federal Police on Combating Transnational Crime

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WASHINGTON – On November 2, 2023, the U.S. Secret Service and the Australian Federal Police (AFP) signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a framework for inter-agency cooperation and information sharing regarding transnational crime.

The MOU is based on a shared understanding that addressing the

increased threat of transnational crime requires international cooperation, and that coordinated operations may provide opportunities to disrupt and dismantle threats that affect both Australia and the United States.

“The Secret Service is honored to join our partners at the Australian Federal Police in signing this arrangement,” Deputy Director Ronald L. Rowe said. “Collaboration between law enforcement agencies is essential to fighting transnational crime, and this framework will help us foster a stronger working relationship while accomplishing shared goals.”

As part of the MOU, the agencies agree to engage in cooperative activities such as coordinated operations, sharing information on law enforcement matters, strengthening, and consolidating existing cooperative networks, and providing each other with capacity building and professional development assistance.

These activities could take the form of consultations, training, intelligence sharing, and operational support, among others.

Assistant Commissioner Dave McLean said the arrangement would help investigators from both agencies deliver maximum impact to

the criminal environment. “Crime knows no borders, which is why it’s critical that law enforcement work closely to stop criminals - no matter where in the world they may be. The AFP has achieved significant operational successes in joint investigations with the Secret Service, and we look forward to continuing this important partnership.”

The MOU is not a legally binding international agreement and is subject to both agencies’ existing domestic laws, policies, procedures, and international obligations.

The AFP is Australia’s national policing agency and a key member of the Australian law enforcement and national security community. The AFP leads efforts to keep Australians and Australian interests safe from national and international threats.

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