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A LAW ENFORCEMENT GUIDE ON

International Parental Kidnapping

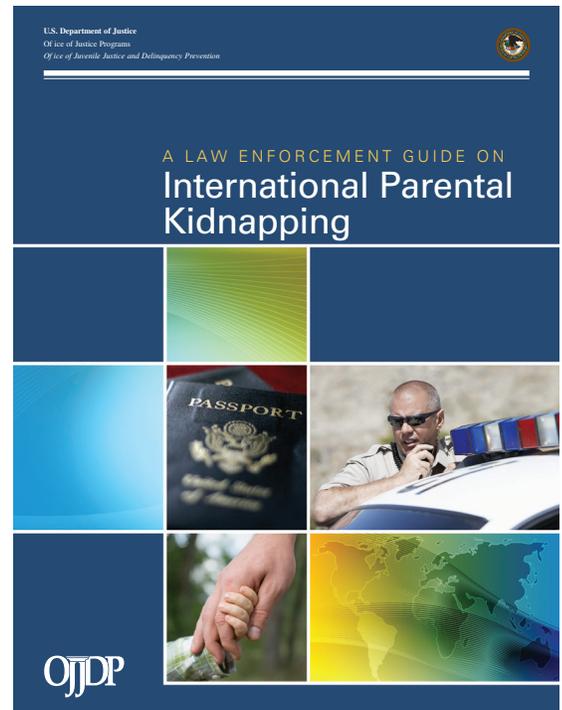
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Law enforcement agencies play a critical role in the prevention and resolution of international parental kidnapping. To increase the chance of recovering a child who has been kidnapped or unlawfully retained by a parent in another country, it is essential that officers know the applicable laws.

A Law Enforcement Guide on International Parental Kidnapping is designed to help local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities successfully investigate such a case. It suggests methods for preventing international child kidnappings by family members; describes the role of law enforcement as the initial responder and investigator; discusses applicable laws, treaties, and legal remedies for child recovery and reunification; and outlines considerations for criminal prosecution and extradition of offenders.

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention produced this guide. It was developed with input from the Federal Agency Task Force on Missing and Exploited Children and other stakeholders.

Additional resources to aid in the recovery of missing and/or exploited children may be accessed at ojjdp.gov/childabduction.html.



Topics covered in the guide include—

- The initial law enforcement response.
- Stopping a kidnapping in progress.
- Criminal charging options.
- Child recovery mechanisms.
- Reunification and recovery.
- Liability concerns.