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Waynesburg, PA - Congressman John Murtha announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has released has released \$500,000 he obtained for Waynesburg College to develop an Electronic Crime Prevention and Investigation curriculum.

The college would use the funding, which was included in the fiscal year 2006 Science, State, Justice, and Commerce appropriations, to develop the curriculum to support the investigation of electronic crime, including computer and internet crime.

"This program will serve as a prototype for a national training standard for the collection, preservation and analysis of digital evidence," Murtha said. "With more and more cases of electronic crime, this is becoming a very important field that would create solid job opportunities for graduates. And these same techniques can be helpful in detecting and tracking terrorist activity."

Waynesburg College President Tim Thyreen added, "Waynesburg College is very excited about this new program and thanks Congressman Murtha for his leadership in economic and educational development for our area."

Specifically, the program will enable Waynesburg College to:

- * Obtain expertise in the area of digital evidence collection and preservation.
- * Research the current status of training available.
- * Develop a model of educational modules that can be used for training of military personnel and law enforcement officers so that they can learn how to properly manage digital equipment and data sources that may contain information regarding criminal or terrorist activities.