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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA RECEIVES \$20,000 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT GRANT: EXPANDS LEGAL INTERN PROGRAM

Pick up wire lead: Montana's Senators Mike Mansfield and Lee Metcalf announced _____ a \$20,000 grant to the University of Montana Law School from the Office of Law Enforcement Assistance of the Department of Justice.

OR

Montana's law enforcement officers and practicing lawyers will benefit this summer from a Justice Department grant in support of a University of Montana law intern program.

The \$20,000 grant from the Office of Law Enforcement Assistance of the Department of Justice will pay approximately two-thirds of the cost of the intern program, reports Dean Robert E. Sullivan of the UM Law school.

A part of the grant will fund a Montana Tribal Judges conference, scheduled April 12-14 on the Missoula campus. The conference will include discussions of criminal procedure and constitutional issues.

The grant also will extend the law school's summer law intern program begun last year under the Montana Defender Project. That program put four law seniors to work doing legal footwork for defense attorneys or under the jurisdiction of courts. Two of the students worked on Indian criminal cases in Eastern Montana and the other two worked on state prisoners' writs of habeas corpus.

Dean Sullivan said the summer intern program involving four law seniors will be expanded to 15 this summer. Under the proposal for the grant, one law senior will be assigned to a metropolitan police force in one of the larger Montana cities. Two law seniors will be assigned to assist the probation officer of one of Montana's Federal District Courts. Six law seniors will be assigned to assist county attorneys on the prosecution side. The last two law seniors will be assigned to Indian reservations in Montana to serve as ombudsmen between the Indians with grievances and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.