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PRESS RELEASE

STATEMENT BY U.S. ATTORNEY REGARDING DECRISTOPHER CASE

“Today’s decision by the Interior Department to withdraw the BLM oil and gas leases in Utah does not impact our obligation to analyze the facts and law at the time of the alleged conduct in the DeChristopher case. The decision to withdraw the leases does not wipe the slate clean. We are obligated to enforce the law, a responsibility we take very seriously. As we do with every case referred to our office, we will continue to carefully review the facts in this case and, if appropriate, present it to a grand jury. Because it is an ongoing criminal investigation, we will not be making further comment.”

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