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Second Anniversary Observance of the Borderline Bar and Grill Shooting

VENTURA, *California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that November 7, 2020, marks the second anniversary of the Thousand Oaks Borderline Bar and Grill shooting, when 12 lives were taken, including on-duty Ventura County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Ron Helus.

In observance of the second anniversary, Supervisor Linda Parks, in partnership with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura County Behavioral Health, Conejo Recreation and Park District, and the City of Thousand Oaks, invite survivors, first responders, and community members to visit the Healing Garden at Conejo Creek Park North in Thousand Oaks on November 7, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to reflect, honor, and remember those affected by this tragic incident. Ventura County Public Health guidelines will be followed.

Representatives of Give an Hour®, Ventura County Behavioral Health, the District Attorney's Crime Victim Assistance Unit, and our courthouse facility dog, Star, will be present throughout the day to provide emotional support and resources. As our community continues to build strength and resilience through our support of one another, visitors are also invited to paint a rock or a Star of Hope that includes inspiring messages of hope and healing.

Help is still available for those present at Borderline, including ongoing NO COST support groups through Give an Hour® and reimbursements through the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) for medical bills, mental health treatment, income loss, and more. Survivors are encouraged to apply with (CalVCB) www.victims.gov. To learn more about available services, resources and support groups email Supervising Victim Advocate Kelly.Muklevicz@ventura.org or call 805-826-5058.

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