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Helping Domestic Violence Victims During COVID-19 - Virtual Press Conference

VENTURA, *California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced that at 2:30 p.m. today, California law enforcement leaders and national nonprofit Childhelp will hold a press conference to discuss how they are working together to combat the rise in domestic violence during COVID-19.

District Attorney Totten will be joined at the press conference by Childhelp Chief Communications Officer Daphne Young, United States Attorney McGregor Scott for California's Eastern District, Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert, United States Attorney Nicola Hanna for California's Central District, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, United States Attorney Robert Brewer for California's Southern District, and San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan.

In light of current health concerns and the diverse geographic locations of the participating offices, this press conference will be held virtually via Zoom. Please let us know if you would like to receive the Zoom log-in information.

- 1. Although Zoom has some functionality on phones and iPads, we have found that Zoom conferences work best on a computer and that some functions do not work on a phone.
- 2. You will have the ability to ask questions using the Chat feature in Zoom. All questions must pertain to the topic of domestic violence.
- 3. Media attendees may record the press conference in Zoom.
- 4. When connecting directly on a computer, rather than using the Zoom app, connecting through a current version of Chrome or Edge works best. Please note that trying to use Zoom through Internet Explorer may not work at all.

If you would like to receive a Zoom invitation, please email Lauren Horwood, Public Information Officer for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California (Lauren.Horwood@usdoj.gov), confirming the email address(es) to which the Zoom invitation should be sent.

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