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National Crime Victims' Rights Week Commemoration April 7 - 13, 2019

VENTURA, California - District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced that the week of April 7 – 13, 2019, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Since its inception in 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has been a time to honor both crime victims and the advocates who fight for victims' rights and services.

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office will commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week with a ceremony on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. This year's ceremony will include remarks by District Attorney Gregory D. Totten.

The District Attorney will present Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks with the Justice for Victims Award for the assistance she provided victims of the Borderline Bar & Grill mass shooting by allowing agencies assisting victims and their families the use of her Thousand Oaks office and providing logistical support to create a safe and effective place for victims needing services.

Additionally, the Ellie Liston Hero Award will be presented to Albert and Marcus Grimmie and posthumously to Tina Grimmie for their work in supporting victims of gun violence and breast cancer via the Grimmie Foundation. Christina Grimmie, the daughter of Albert and Tina and sister of Marcus, was a rising star and fan favorite on The Voice before she was shot and killed by an obsessed fan following a performance. After Christina's tragic passing, the Grimmie family endeavored to create a foundation to support families who have lost a loved one to gun violence, or have a member diagnosed with breast cancer. The Grimmie Foundation has since helped hundreds of families who have lost loved ones to gun violence and continues this work today through financial support, emotional support and advocacy.

We invite you to attend and join our collective reflection and recommitment to victims' rights and services. The April 9 program will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Ventura County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, in the main courtyard between the Hall of Administration and the Hall of Justice. Following the program, there will be a march around the Government Center. Refreshments will be provided.

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The Ventura County District Attorney's Office is the public prosecutor for the county's 850,000 residents. The office employs approximately 280 employees including attorneys, investigators, victim advocates, and other professional support staff who strive to seek justice, ensure public safety, and protect the rights of crime victims.

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