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Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.

Yolo District Attorneys' Fourth Annual Crime Victims' Tribute April 22, 2010

(Woodland, CA) – April 14, 2010 – Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on April 22, 2010, Yolo County crime victims, community leaders, victim advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement and service professionals and Yolo County District Attorney Victim Services Program will join him in recognizing crime victims' rights and the devastating impact of crime on victims, neighborhoods, schools and our nation as a whole. The Honorable Larry Brown, who was recently appointed to the Sacramento Superior Court by Governor Schwarzenegger, will be giving the keynote address.

Reisig will be acknowledging five families who have survived through very different types of victimization. These families have had their cases adjudicated through the court process, while trying to get their lives back in place from an unspeakable assault or the shocking loss of a loved one. The honorees include:

1. A security officer who was working at the UCD Campus Book Store when two men attempted to steal merchandise. Although the security officer was assaulted, resulting in a broken jaw, he bravely continued his duty to apprehend the suspect and both defendants were ultimately brought to justice.
2. Two young female pedestrians who were struck by a driver who was driving under the influence on Halloween 2008. Both teenagers sustained serious injuries resulting in one of the teens losing her life. Family members and the surviving teenager were very involved in prosecution wanting to assure justice would prevail.
3. A courageous woman who had been sexually abused as an adolescent came forward to testify against her abuser after 13 years of not believing he would ever be held accountable. Her testimony was instrumental in convicting her abuser to 176 years to life in prison.

4. The Barron family who lost their loved one when he was killed by a mentally ill co-worker at the local Walgreen's warehouse in 1998. In spring 2010, the family rallied together and endured more court proceedings to help the District Attorney's office keep the defendant from being released.

5. The family of 22-month-old Aaron Miller, who was beaten to death by his mother's boyfriend in November 1983. The grandmother tried to save him on the way to the hospital, and now she along with her two daughters, have attended four parole lifer hearings in less than two years to keep the murderer in prison.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig hopes all will feel welcome to attend this event. "This is the chance for us all to honor these heroic individuals who are so inspiring," said Reisig.

The event is on April 22, 2010 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Yolo County Atrium located at 625 Court Street in Woodland.

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