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Yolo County Honors Crime Victims
Seventh Annual Crime Victims' Tribute on April 22, 2013

(Woodland, CA) – April 16, 2013 – Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that his office will be hosting the Seventh Annual Crime Victims' Tribute on April 22, 2013. Yolo County crime victims, community leaders, victim advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement and service professionals will again join together with Reisig and Yolo County District Attorney's Office to recognize victims' rights and the devastating impact of crime on victims, neighborhoods, schools and our nation as a whole. The keynote address will be given by James A. Ardaiz, Presiding Justice, California Court of Appeal (retired).

Reisig will be honoring four individuals or families who have survived through difficult and traumatic events. These individuals had their cases adjudicated through the court process, while trying to recover from a life changing assault or grieving the loss of a loved one. The honorees include:

An employee who was robbed at gunpoint by two male suspects at a local truck stop and forced to the floor. Despite having a gun shoved in her face, she was able to aid law enforcement by identifying the female driver of the suspect's car. The female driver was convicted of the robbery and the gunman was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

A victim who came forward at the age of 24 to report that she had been molested by her stepfather from the age of 9 years old to the age of 16. She found the courage to report the abuse and stand up against her perpetrator and the case was ultimately prosecuted by the DA's office.

A business owner who was followed home from the bank by a suspect who then physically assaulted her and took the bank deposit bag. Fortunately the business owner's husband followed the suspect and the suspect was apprehended by police. The victim and her husband testified at jury trial and the suspect was sentenced to prison.

The mother and family of Erick Gutierrez who was killed when the car that he was a passenger in ran off the road and hit a tree. The driver of the vehicle had made an unsafe driving decision and had a suspension of his license at the time.

The Yolo County District Attorney's Office will also be introducing Aloha, the future court dog in training that is the newest addition to its Victim Services Program. The ceremony will be held at Woodland Opera House, 340 Second Street in Woodland on April 22, 2013 from noon to 1pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to join the DA's office for this important tribute event.

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