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“Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act”
Third Annual Crime Victims’ Tribute
May 1, 2009

What:

Yolo County crime victims, community leaders, victim advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement and service professionals will join together with Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig and Yolo County District Attorney Victim Services Program to recognize victims’ rights and the devastating impact of crime on victims, neighborhoods, schools and our nation as a whole. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s Crime Victim Advocate Susan Fisher will give the keynote address.

We will be recognizing six families who have persevered through different types of victimization. These families have had their cases adjudicated through the court process, while trying to get their lives back in order from an unspeakable assault or the shocking loss of a loved one. Honorees include:

1. A disabled adult who was kidnapped, tortured, physically and sexually assaulted by two separate suspects. This courageous young man testified in court facing one of the individuals who assaulted him and ultimately both defendants were committed to state prison.
2. Two young girls victimized during a shooting on Halloween night. The brother of one of the girls was killed and both girls sustained gun shot wounds. These brave young girls had to relive their traumatic experience by testifying in court three separate times.
3. A family that tragically lost their loved one in a hit-and-run collision. Even though the family experienced a lot of frustration with the criminal justice system, their involvement in the prosecution and their persistence ended in seeing the defendant held accountable for his actions and sentenced to prison.
4. The family of Woodland CHP officer Andrew Stevens, who was gunned down in November of 2005 while making a routine traffic stop. The case was adjudicated in 2008 with Brendt Volarvich being sentenced to the death penalty. The family of Officer Stevens attended every court hearing constantly showing support throughout the prosecution of the case.
5. The families of two UC Davis college students who were murdered at the Castillian Apartments in Davis in 1980. On June 19, 1981, the killer was sentenced to 27 years to life for the murders. The families of these two victims attend lifer parole hearings every year to keep the murderer in prison.

When: May 1, 2009
11:30am – 1pm

Where: Yolo County Courthouse Grounds
725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 9569

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