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Subject: Tomorrow, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office will Host its First Annual Conference on April 17th Commemorating National Victims' Rights Week.

The conference theme is "Justice for Victims, Justice for All." District Attorney, Christie Stanley explained that often it isn't until one of our own becomes a victim of crime that we stop to think about victims and their rights. It is, therefore, important for our community to know that the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, Victim-Witness Assistance Program is the primary victim service provider helping over 3,000 victims a year in the County in collaboration with law enforcement, social service, public health and community organizations" - she indicated.

The Conference will include two expert panels. The morning panel will discuss the California Prison and Parole System and Victim and Community Safety followed by a Luncheon, during which three awards will be given out, including: Citizen of Courage, Victim Services and Law Enforcement Award. The afternoon panel will discuss Working with Sexual Assault Victims with Disabilities. The Conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Buellton beginning at 9:00 a.m. on April 17th, to honor victims, their families and those who serve them.

For registration and information call (805) 682-0702.