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Re: Victims' Rights Rally and

Family Safety Fair

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Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit and Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7-13, 2019

Modesto, California - In commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit and the Stanislaus Family Justice Center (SFJC), are hosting two events on Sunday, April 7, 2019 to raise awareness about crime victims' issues and rights and introduce the community to important resources and services available.

Sunday, April 7, 2019 – Sunday's activities will begin with the Victims' Rights Rally & Family Safety Fair held on the Courthouse Lawn in downtown Modesto (1100 I Street) from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Awareness of victims' rights, crime prevention education and family safety will be the focus of the event, with a wide variety of local resources and fun activities available for families in the community. Brief presentations will be made by District Attorney Birgit Fladager, SFJC Interim Director Lisa Mantarro Moore, Victim Services Program Coordinator Cheryl Titus and Survivor, Former Senator and Filmmaker Brooks Douglass. Special music will be provided by Jeremiah Williams, Ruthanne Castro and Tanya De la Puente, followed by a Balloon Release Ceremony. Lunch will be provided to those who attend.

Sunday's activities will conclude with a Red-Carpet Premiere of "The Amendment," followed by a special presentation by Brooks Douglass and music by Sarah Snyder, at the State Theatre in Downtown Modesto (1307 J Street). Doors open at 5:30 P.M. "The Amendment" is the true story of Brooks Douglass who survived, along with his sister, an unthinkable attack in his youth that claimed the lives of his parents. It is an inspiring true story of triumph over tragedy, showcasing that we are capable of more than we ever thought possible. "The Amendment" is rated PG13 and the trailer can be watched here: https://youtu.be/27LJ3_wbRF8. Tickets are available at no cost, but donations to the SFJC Victims' Rights Events fund will be possible at the door.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact the Victim Services Unit at 209-525-5541.

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