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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: December 10, 2024 Re: 27th Annual Lighting of the Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree & Candlelight Vigil Holly MacKinnon, Victim Services Program Manager Phone: (209) 525-5541

Modesto, California - The District Attorney's Office Victim Services Program will sponsor the 27th Annual Lighting of the Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree & Candlelight Vigil on Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 P.M. The ceremony will be held on the Courthouse Lawn located at 1100 I Street, Modesto. Opening remarks will be made by District Attorney Jeff Laugero, followed by Erin Nelson, founding Executive Director of Jessica's House, and DaShaun Winston, Executive Board President of Crime Stoppers. Special music will be provided by Ruthanne Castro and Tanya DelaPuente.

Friends and family of homicide victims are invited to attend and bring a non-breakable ornament to hang on the tree in remembrance of their loved ones who are not with us to celebrate the holiday season due to the criminal acts of others.

In case of rain, the program will be moved to the covered parking garage at 832 12th street, across from the courthouse. For more information, contact the Victim Services Program at 209-525-5541.

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