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**BILL SPONSORED BY DA HESTRIN THAT PROTECTS SURVIVORS OF  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAS BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOV. BROWN**

**RIVERSIDE** – A Senate bill sponsored by Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin that protects survivors of domestic violence has been signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Authored by Sen. Richard D. Roth (D-Riverside) and sponsored by DA Hestrin and the California District Attorneys Association, Senate Bill 883 makes a violation of a protective order punishable by imprisonment up to one year in county jail, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both. SB 883 makes a second or subsequent violation occurring within seven years involving an act of violence or a credible threat of violence punishable as a felony or a misdemeanor.

“I would like to thank Senator Roth for authoring common-sense legislation that protects survivors of domestic violence,” DA Hestrin said. “Senate Bill 883 ensures accountability, creates a consistent standard for violators of protective orders, and helps protect survivors of domestic violence.”

Senator Roth said: “This is a major victory and an important day for all survivors of domestic violence. Despite vigorous enforcement of protective order violations having been shown to be effective in protecting survivors and ensuring offender accountability, the law previously had two different standards of punishment for offenders who violated protective orders.

“Senate Bill 883 strengthens punishments against protective order violations, and provides prosecutors with important tools to keep survivors of domestic violence safe while punishing their attackers,” Roth said. “I am proud to have authored SB 883, and will continue standing up for survivors and our most vulnerable communities to keep them safe.”

Brown signed the measure into law on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016, and the new law takes effect Jan. 1, 2017.

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