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THREE CANDLELIGHT VIGILS WILL HONOR CRIME VICTIMS

RIVERSIDE – District Attorney Mike Hestrin will host three Victims’ Rights Week candlelight vigils the first week of April at three Riverside County locations.

Each year, in conjunction with National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office pays tribute to those who have lost their life to violent crime through a series of candlelight vigils held in three locations across the county.

DA Hestrin will address those in attendance at each event that will also feature a keynote speaker. The names of victims who died as a result of violent crime will be read at each venue and candles will be lit to remember them.

This year’s keynote speakers are:

Palm Desert: Diana Reed is the mother of 10-year-old Anthony Martinez, whose murder by a serial killer received national attention. Anthony was kidnapped from his Beaumont home exactly 20 years to the day of this candlelight vigil.

Temecula: Diane Bainbridge is the mother of 23-year-old Allison Jacobs, who was murdered on Mother’s Day 1993 in her Temecula apartment. Riverside County sheriff’s Deputy Kent Hintergardt was shot to the death by Jacobs’ killer as he was responding to a domestic violence call at the apartment complex with Jacobs as the victim.

Riverside: Patty Cardenas is a supervising victim advocate at the DA’s Office. Her brother, Alex, 20, was murdered in 1992 in a gang-related shooting in Orange County. Patty will be talking about the healing process since the tragedy and the sense of community she sees at these annual candlelight vigils.

All three vigils begin at 7 p.m. and the DA’s Office invites the public and media to all of the free events.

Here is the location of each vigil:

- Tuesday, April 4, at Palm Desert Civic Center Park, 43-900 San Pablo Ave., Palm Desert
- Wednesday, April 5, at Temecula City Hall, 41000 Main St., Temecula
- Thursday, April 6, at Riverside County Historic Courthouse, 4050 Main St., Riverside

PLEASE NOTE: Immediately following the Riverside vigil on Thursday, there will be a gathering at the nearby District Attorney’s Office Victim Memorial Courtyard, 3960 Orange St., to unveil new names on the Victims Memorial Wall.

A flier about the candlelight vigils can be found here:

http://rivcod.org/opencms/resources/Brochures/VRW_Save_the_Date_2017.pdf

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