

NEWS RELEASE

MONTEREY COUNTY JOINS NATIONAL COMMEMORATION OF 2018 NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

**“Expand the Circle: Reach all Victims”
April 13, 2018, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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During the week of April 8 through April 14, 2018, crime victims and survivors and those who serve them, will join together across America to promote victims' rights and services, and to educate our communities about the devastating impact of crime on victims, neighborhoods, schools, and our nation as a whole.

Since 1978, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office Victims of Crime Unit has worked diligently with the victims of crime to ensure that they are aware of victim assistance and compensation programs that can help them cope with the aftermath of crime. In 2017, the unit provided over 17,450 mandated services to 2,289 new crime victims in Monterey County.

The 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week not only honors the victims of crime, but the many agencies that assist them as well.

Please join members of our community in honoring victims of crime at the Monterey County Government Center, Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas. The event will feature the family of Sandra McGee Steppuhn as the Inspirational Speakers. Sandra was murdered by Alfred Powell in 1982, additionally there will be a video presentation in honor of those murdered in Monterey County and an invitation to survivors of homicide to announce the name of their loved one and the release of doves in memory of all victims of crime.

For additional information, please contact Victim Witness Program Manager Pamela Patterson at (831) 755-5072.