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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Victims' Rights Month and Dedication of the  
Christopher G. Money Victim Witness Assistance Center  
on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victim Witness**

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, March 30, 2017 – In celebration of the Victim Witness Assistance Center's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, District Attorney Dan Dow is pleased to announce the renaming and dedication of the center as the *Christopher G. Money Victim Witness Assistance Center*, recognizing former District Attorney Money's visionary leadership in serving and protecting victims of crime.

In 1977, then Assistant District Attorney Christopher G. Money led the effort to create San Luis Obispo County's Victim Witness Assistance Center which was one of the first in California. Before 1977, victims of crime had little to no resources available to them after being traumatized by a crime. Today, there is a center in each county that serves and assists crime victims. Chris Money went on to serve as the District Attorney from 1979 to 1985 and as a Superior Court Judge from 1985 until his retirement in 2005. Money was valued by his District Attorney peers as a hands-on leader who cared deeply about the impact of crime on families and passionately sought justice for every victim. During the last 40 years, our office has provided assistance to thousands of crime victims each year.

Beginning April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 900 flags will be displayed in the lawn at the Courthouse Plaza representing 9,000 victims served yearly at the Victim Witness Assistance Center. Join us on April 12<sup>th</sup> as we commemorate Victims' Rights Awareness Month with presentations from community leaders and survivors of crime.

**40th Anniversary Celebration and Dedication of Victim Witness  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon  
1050 Monterey Street, in front of the Courthouse**

The Victim Witness Assistance Center works to reduce the trauma, frustration and inconvenience experienced by victims, witnesses, and family members affected by crime by providing a wide variety of services to victims and their families. Contact: Assistant District Attorney Lee Cunningham (805) 781-5874.

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