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Young Lives Taken

Mourning the Lives of Six UCSB College Students

Sacramento, CA – Statement from Julie Nauman, Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP), following the shooting of six college students in Isla Vista.

“My heart is heavy as I join the many others grieving the loss of six young students whose lives were unexpectedly and tragically taken on May 23, 2014.”

“As I read about the lives of George Chen, Katherine Cooper, James Hong, Christopher Ross Michaels-Martinez, David Wang and Veronika Weiss, I am overcome by the promise, caring nature, and joy these young men and women offered to the world. Described by friends and family as ‘so full of love’ and ‘very caring, very kind,’ their legacies will forever be remembered. My heart goes out to the loved ones they leave behind; no one can possibly imagine the grave loss and ache that you are experiencing.”

“For the young people who survived, I pray you will find the courage, strength, and support to reclaim your lives wholly.”

“During these times families should not have to worry about the cost of funeral services or supportive professional counseling. CalVCP can provide assistance to these families experiencing such tragic losses. The program can assist with counseling, funeral and burial expenses, and medical bills. I hope the victims, their families, and the witnesses of this incident will allow us to help them in this time of need.”

Executive Officer Nauman reached out to Victim Witness Assistance Program Director Megan Rheinschild and other victim service providers in the county to offer support and assistance in the aftermath of the Isla Vista shooting.

For more information about CalVCP services, visit www.calvcp.ca.gov.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted more than 600 individuals each week, and provided nearly \$62 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.

For more information about victims' rights and services, visit CalVCP at calvcp.ca.gov.