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LONG TERM INMATES LEARN LONG TERM EFFECTS OF CRIME ON VICTIMS

CalVCP invited by "Long Termers Organization" to educate about victim assistance

WHAT: The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) takes part in an unprecedented outreach event at the Valley State Prison for Women. CalVCP Executive Officer Julie Nauman will address members of the prison's inmate group the "Long Termers Organization" (LTO) in response to an invitation by the incarcerated women who are interested in learning about how their crimes affect victims.

WHY: In September 2009, CalVCP received a handwritten letter from inmate Crystal Potter, incarcerated at the Valley State Prison for Women for more than 18 years as a result of a homicide conviction. Crystal wrote to CalVCP on behalf of her group, the Long Termers' Organization. The group consists of more than 100 female inmates with a mission: try to give back to the community and to the victims of violent crimes like the ones they committed.

The LTO has raised over \$138,000 through inmate fundraisers—donating all of it to non-profit organizations including the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Hinds Hospice of Fresno county and victim services organizations. Many women in the group are victims themselves, including Crystal Potter, an Air Force Veteran who's life changed after being a victim of random gun violence.

CalVCP will share victim stories with the LTO, including actual examples of victims' expenses, services and needs as a result of violent crime. It is the goal of CalVCP that in sharing this type of information with inmates, they will see the impact of their crimes on victims and understand the importance of their restitution fines and orders. Those fines and orders are the primary source for the state's Restitution Fund, which is in jeopardy of becoming insolvent if collection does not begin to match the assistance being offered to a growing number of victims.

WHO: Following the CalVCP presentation, there will be interview opportunities with:

- Julie Nauman, CalVCP Executive Officer
- Velda Dobson-Davis, Chief Deputy Warden Valley State Prison for Women
- Inmate members of the LTO, including Crystal Potter

WHERE: CDCR Valley State Prison for Women
21633 Avenue 24, Chowchilla, CA 93610
****Prior to this event, you must contact us (below) to receive security clearance to attend****

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 3, 2010**
5:00 p.m. – check in/clearance
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – program

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