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**U.S. Attorney's Office Joins in Recognizing 43rd Annual National Crime
Victims' Rights Week, April 21-27, 2024**

PORTLAND, Ore.— Every April, the Justice Department's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) leads communities across the country in observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) to honor crime victims, promote their rights and recognize victim advocates. This year's observance, the 43rd annual commemoration, takes place April 21-27, 2024, with the theme: Options, services, and hope for crime survivors.

The U.S. Attorney's Office joins its federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement partners in taking this opportunity to highlight the importance of providing necessary services at the earliest possible stage of victimization and litigation. Early intervention helps prevent further victimization and encourages victim involvement in the criminal justice system, mitigating the cycle of violence and restoring hope for the future.

"Through the work of our victim services team, our new special victims unit, and all our staff who work on victim cases, seeking justice on behalf crime victims is central to our mission and continues to be a top priority for our office," said Natalie Wight, U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon.

During National Crime Victims' Rights Week, victim advocacy organizations, community groups and state, local, and tribal agencies host rallies, candlelight vigils, and other events to raise awareness of victims' rights and services.

OVC and U.S. Attorney's Offices encourage widespread participation in the week's events and in other victim-related observances throughout the year. For additional information about this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week and how to assist victims in your community, please visit OVC's website at www.ovc.gov. For ongoing updates from OVC and ideas for how you can support crime victims throughout the year, please subscribe to OVC's email notifications at <https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/subscribe/>.

If you or someone you know are in immediate danger, please call 911. If you believe you have been the target or victim of a crime, please contact your local law enforcement agency or your nearest FBI field office immediately. The FBI Portland Field Office can be reached at (503) 224-4181 or by submitting tips online at tips.fbi.gov.

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