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ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR VICTIMS/WITNESSES OF MASS SHOOTING IN LAS VEGAS

District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell announced today that Santa Cruz County residents who were present at the Route 91 Harvest Festival attack on Sunday, October 1, 2017 may be eligible to receive benefits and assistance through the Victim/Witness Assistance Program. The Victim Advocates are available to assist people with expenses such as medical bills, funeral expenses, mental health treatment and lost wages. If you were present and are in need of these services, you are encouraged to contact the Victim/Witness Assistance Program for assistance at (831) 454-2010. Bilingual services are also available.

Program Manager Sylvia Nieto stated, “The District Attorney’s Office is honored to assist victims and survivors of this tragic event. The California Victim Compensation Board has streamlined the application process making it possible to apply to both the California and Nevada compensation programs simultaneously”. You are encouraged to apply whether you were injured in the attack or not, as expenses (i.e. counseling, therapy, etc.) may incur in the future.