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Subject: **“Marsy’s Law” Victims’ Rights Notification Card and Victims of Violence Video Available to Law Enforcement Agencies**

The California Attorney General’s Office and POST offer helpful printed and video-based information resources for law enforcement to distribute to victims of crime.

On November 4, 2008, the electorate passed Proposition 9 (The Victims’ Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy’s Law), which creates a number of rights for victims of crime. Subsequently, the Attorney General’s Office has undertaken preparation of a “Marsy’s Rights” information card for all state law enforcement agencies to distribute to crime victims. The card notifies victims of their rights to justice and due process under the new law, lists various government-funded agencies that may provide victim assistance, and provides a toll-free telephone number for additional information.

The “Marsy’s Rights” card is available for download directly from the Attorney General’s Office website at <http://ag.ca.gov/victimservices/marsy.php>. In addition, special versions of the card (may be edited to include an agency’s own logo, contact information, and local resource information for victims) are available directly from the Attorney General’s Office in both English and Spanish languages.

The Attorney General’s Office provided details of this notification card in a March 11, 2009, bulletin to all California district attorneys and law enforcement agencies. Additional questions about the cards, or the provisions of Proposition 9, should be directed to Deputy Attorney General Bradley Weinreb at (619) 645-2290, or Deputy Attorney General Deborah Bain, head of the Attorney General’s Victim Services Unit, at (916) 324-9945.

Additionally, POST offers a special DVD video, *Victims of Violence: A Guide to Help Bring Justice*, designed for distribution by law enforcement to crime victims and their families. The video provides victims with valuable information about the complexities of the criminal justice system and teaches how they can effectively aid law enforcement in bringing perpetrators of violent crime to justice. The DVD includes a Spanish-language version of the program.

POST’s *Victims of Violence: A Guide to Help Bring Justice* video may be ordered online at <http://post.outpostnetworks.com:15080/postcatalog>.

Both resources for victims of crimes are available to law enforcement agencies free of charge.

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