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*****Media Advisory*****

YOUTH OFFENDER PROGRAM GIVES BACK TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

CalVCP Receives \$16,000 Donation to Help Compensate Victims

WHAT: The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), the California Prison Industry Authority (CalPIA) and the Free Venture Program (FVP) will be presenting two checks to the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) in the amounts of \$9,496.62 and \$6,625.20 to assist victims of violent crime. The money was raised by youthful offenders at two California Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities.

WHERE: N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility
7650 South Newcastle Road
Stockton, CA 95215

Media covering the event will need to obtain gate clearances in advance by contacting Janice Mackey at janice.mackey@vcgcb.ca.gov. It should be noted that personal cell phones and denim clothing are not permitted inside the facility.

WHO: Representatives from the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB), CalPIA, FVP and CDCR's Division of Juvenile Justice:

- **Julie Nauman, VCGCB's Executive Officer**
- **Gary Bush, Administrator Joint & Free Venture Program**
- **Erin Brock, Assistant Superintendent of N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility**
- **Rachel Rios, Deputy Secretary for Juvenile Justice**
- **Youthful Offenders from N.A. Chaderjian Facility**

WHEN: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm

Program Schedule (1hr total)

- Opening Remarks—Superintendent or designee
- Comments from youthful offenders
- Check presentation
- Comments from Julie Nauman
- Closing—N.A. Chaderjian Superintendent or designee
- Post program reception

WHY: The FVP allows youthful offenders to work for private companies from within correctional facilities and earn a comparable wage. The youthful offenders participating in these work programs pay taxes, room and board, and family support. A key element of the program requires them to give 20 percent of their net wages to compensate victims of crime.

CalVCP has been designated to receive these funds, which were contributed from the youthful offenders at Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility in Chino (now closed) and N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility in Stockton.

The FVP helps form working relationships between the public sector and private industry. The private industry operates its business within the confines of a youth correctional facility and hires the youthful offenders as employees. The youthful offenders receive training for meaningful jobs, which aids in their successful community placement upon release. For the program at Chad, the FVP contracts with Merit, Inc. which refurbishes computers. The FVP at the Stark facility contracted with Rampone Industries for welding and points of sale end displays for retail stores.

This presentation will give the youthful offenders a chance to see where and how the money donated will be spent. Additionally, it will give them an opportunity to see how their crimes have impacted their victims beyond the initial act.

CalVCP helps pay crime victims' unreimbursed expenses that were a result of a violent crime. This includes medical and dental treatment, mental health services, burial expenses, and emergency relocation. A recent survey conducted by CalVCP discovered that collection of offender restitution decreased in 51% of California counties this past year. The survey cited the recession and unemployment as two of the major reasons for the decrease. This donation will be added to the Restitution Fund that supports CalVCP claimants.

To attend the event, or to schedule an interview following the presentation, contact Janice Mackey, Public Information Officer at 916.491.3598; janice.mackey@vcgcb.ca.gov or visit: www.calvcp.ca.gov for more information.

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