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**Kern County District Attorney's Victim Witness Unit, Elder Abuse Unit, and the
Kern County Family Justice Center Announce New Location in Downtown Bakersfield**

(Bakersfield) – The Kern County District Attorney's Office is happy to announce that all victim services in Bakersfield will now be under one roof beginning September 18, 2023. The Kern County Family Justice Center, the Victim Witness Unit, and the Elder Abuse Unit will now be located at 1300 18th Street in Downtown Bakersfield.

Kern County Family Justice Center

Previously located on Oak Street, the new building is conveniently located just down the street from our District Attorney's Office and the Kern County Superior Courthouse. Our centers are a unique and safe place where victims of domestic violence (DV), human trafficking (HT) and sexual assault (SA) can receive free services and resources to help break the cycle of violence. In collaboration with community partners, our centers offer victims and their families the following services:

- Advocacy
- Cal Works/Cash Aid/Food Stamps
- Case Management
- Child Support Services
- Clothing & Food Necessities
- Counseling
- Court Support
- Emergency Housing/Shelter
- Employment Assistance
- Hospital Accompaniment
- Immigration Assistance
- Internet Access
- Interpreter Services
- Law Enforcement Report/Prosecution
- Legal Assistance
- Restraining Orders
- Safety Planning
- Support Groups
- Transportation
- Victim Compensation

The hours of operations are Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome from 8:00am – 4:00pm. For residents in South Kern, we encourage victims to visit our South Kern Family Justice Center located at 12022 Main Street in Lamont, CA (inside the Lamont Courthouse).

Victims Witness and Elder Abuse Units

Previously located on the 7th floor of 1415 Truxtun Ave., the Kern County District Attorney’s Victim Witness and Elder Abuse Units are dedicated to ensuring the rights of crime victims are enforced and that victims have a meaningful voice throughout the criminal justice process. Victim Advocates assist with:

- Advocacy and Court accompaniment
- Providing an in-depth orientation of the Criminal Process
- Providing ongoing status of a Criminal Matter
- Providing Court Support
- Crisis Intervention
- Victim Impact Statements
- Submitting an application to the State of California Victim Compensation Program

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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer is elated with the move. “While our essential services won’t change, our new location will allow us to grow as we continue to help and provide hope for thousands of victims each year.”

<i>Locations/Services</i>	<i>Visits in 2022</i>
Kern County Family Justice Center – DV, HT, SA	2,646
Victim Services Unit – Elder Abuse	262
Victim Services Unit – Victim Witness	3,112

1300 18th Street:

