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Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia

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Web Site On Victim Services in the District of Columbia Available at www.csosa.gov. Contains Links to Victim Web Sites in Maryland and Virginia

National Victim Rights Week is April 18 to 24

Washington, DC—In recognition of April 18-24 being National Crime Victim's Week, the (federal) Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) offers a comprehensive list of contacts for victim services in the District of Columbia on our web site. See (www.csosa.gov) for the list and additional information. Links to Virginia and Maryland victim web sites are included. A brochure regarding CSOSA victim services is available on the site. **We are asking media to publicize the availability of the web site and brochure.**

(CSOSA) supervises over 14,000 criminal offenders on probation, parole and supervised release within the District of Columbia. Many of these offenders have harmed citizens in addition to causing damage to the larger community.   At CSOSA we take our responsibilities to victims and the community very seriously. Our approach to the supervision of offenders is grounded in accountability and restorative justice.

CSOSA supports the "Victim's Bill of Rights." It provides that victims have: a right to protection from intimidation and harm; a right to be informed concerning the criminal justice process; a right to reparations; a right to preservation of property and employment; a right to due process in criminal court proceedings; a right to be treated with dignity and compassion, and a right to counsel.

Our Victim Services Program Manager and Community Relations Specialists are available for interviews.

For additional information, please contact: Leonard A. Sipes, Jr., Public Affairs Specialist, 220-220-5616 (Work) or 240-882-8274 (Cell).

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