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## **Fighting Human Trafficking Head On** *State Victims Advocate Sets Sights on Survivor Assistance*

**Sacramento, CA** – Second only to the illegal drug trade, human trafficking is the world’s second most profitable criminal enterprise and in California, there is an increasing need to provide more assistance and care for the victims and survivors of these heinous crimes. The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) Executive Officer Julie Nauman will address these needs following the premiere of the enlightening documentary that examines the ugly reality of labor and sex trafficking.

“Much headway has been made over the last several years to further prosecute traffickers and put an end to these crimes,” said Nauman. “However, while we continue to make progress, there is an imminent need to help the victims and survivors right now and I am dedicated to provide the assistance needed for survivors seeking refuge and services after their horrific slavery.”

In participation of San Bernardino County’s Freedom Week, Nauman joins San Bernardino County District Attorney and Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board Member Mike Ramos in the viewing of a new documentary, “Teenage \$ex 4 \$ale” on Thursday, January 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Krikorian Redlands Cinema 14 in Redlands, and will discuss the progress made in assisting victims and what opportunities there are to provide even more service.

Ms. Nauman will also be speaking to many law enforcement, victim advocates and survivors of trafficking at the San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation – Anti Human Trafficking Awareness Walk on Saturday, January 19, at 9 a.m. at the Children’s Network in San Bernardino.

The names and faces of the over 12.3 million men, women, boys, and girls who have been enslaved mostly go unnoticed. California is home to three of the thirteen FBI-identified high-intensity child sex trafficking regions in the nation. It is time that we become more informed about these crimes, the wake they leave behind, and mobilize our combined strengths to transform victim services in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

CalVCP provides over \$70 million in assistance and receives approximately 55,000 applications each year from victims of homicide, rape, assault, domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual assault. These horrific crimes afflict innocent victims every day, forever changing the lives of the victim, their loved ones, and their communities.

For more information about CalVCP visit: [www.calvcp.ca.gov](http://www.calvcp.ca.gov)

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*The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, human trafficking, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter.*

*If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.*