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**Ventura County Family Justice Center Offers Services to Victims of Alleged Sexual
Misconduct at The Thacher School Located in Ojai**

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that in the wake of the alleged sexual misconduct at The Thacher School in Ojai, the Ventura County Family Justice Center (VCFJC) is available to assist all those who have been impacted by these painful events.

The VCFJC is a collaborative community response to domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, human trafficking, hate crime and other violent crimes. The model allows for a variety of services to be offered to victims in one location, under one roof. All services are free of charge and confidential. Victims can receive assistance whether they have reported to law enforcement or not.

Regardless of statute of limitations that may determine the ability to file criminal charges, victims may still be eligible for benefits through the California Victim Compensation Board, emergency assistance, referrals to local mental health and other services available in Ventura County or wherever they may currently reside.

District Attorney Erik Nasarenko extends his heartfelt sympathy to the survivors and recognizes that trauma from such experiences can have long-lasting effects not only in the lives of the victim but in the lives of family members and friends. He has directed prosecutors to assist the Ventura County Sheriff's Office in this investigation and to pursue appropriate prosecutions. He encourages anyone with information related to allegations of sexual assault occurring at The Thacher School to contact Sergeant Hector Macias of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office at (805) 384-4730.

Additionally, if you or someone you know has been impacted, please contact the Ventura County Family Justice Center to receive assistance. The Ventura County Family Justice Center is located at 3170 Loma Vista Road in Ventura. During business hours, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., requests for services and information are available in person, by telephone (805) 652-7655, by email at vcfjc.coop@ventura.org or by text at (805) 947-7981.

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