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Five-Year Remembrance of Borderline Bar & Grill Shooting

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney’s Office will mark the five-year anniversary of the Borderline Bar & Grill shooting with a memorial remembrance on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. That night five years ago, 12 lives were taken including on-duty Ventura County Sheriff’s Office Sergeant Ron Helus.

In honor of the five-year observance, the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office, Ventura County Family Justice Center, City of Thousand Oaks, Conejo Recreation & Park District, and Thousand Oaks Remembers, invites families, survivors, first responders, and community members to gather at 3:00 p.m. at the Borderline Healing Garden at Conejo Creek North Park in Thousand Oaks.

Victim Advocates and Courthouse Facility Dogs, Star and Comet, from the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office Crime Victims’ Assistance Unit, will join Give an Hour staff to remember the lives taken and support one another. Those in attendance at the park will also have the opportunity to make lanterns of remembrance, reflection, and healing.

“Each year, this important gathering honors the 12 lives tragically taken by gun violence, but it is also a time to reach out and support the 248 survivors who are forever impacted by the trauma of that night,” said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. “We gather for each one of them as well.”

Help is still available for those who were at Borderline Bar & Grill during the shooting, including reimbursements through the [California Victim Compensation Board](#) for medical bills, mental health treatment, income loss and more. To learn more about available services and resources please email Supervising Victim Advocate Kelly Muklevicz at Kelly.Muklevicz@ventura.org, or call (805) 826-5058.