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**PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES
NEW VICTIMS' RIGHTS GUIDE**

TUCSON, ARIZONA - Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall is pleased to announce a new victims' rights guide developed and published by her office. The 23-page guide provides information about victims' rights in Arizona and details about the criminal justice process, including answers to frequently asked questions.

"The Victims' Rights Guide is an important new resource for victims and survivors of crime who often feel overwhelmed and confused by the criminal justice system," said LaWall. "Survivors need to have good information about the process in order to feel safe and supported." The guide is intended to complement the hands-on support that victims receive from prosecutors and victim advocates.

This April we remember victims and their families with National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 22-28) whose theme, "Extending the Vision - Reaching Every Victim," calls us to chart a course to more effectively connect with all victims of crime while continuing to expand the vision that inspired the crime victims' rights movement. The creation and distribution of this guide is an important part of this effort to reach victims and ensure that they are able to fully exercise their rights.

"Victims face the daunting task of having to rebuild their lives after a traumatic crime. It is only right that we do what we can to aid them on their road to recovery by providing them with information and support," said LaWall.

The Victims' Rights Guide can be viewed and downloaded on the County Attorney's website here. Printed copies of the guide will be available in the coming weeks.

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