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**NEW 88-CRIME PROGRAM DIRECTOR APPOINTED**

(Tucson, Arizona) – Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, is pleased to announce the appointment of Susie Slagle Dupnik to the position of Program Director of the Pima County Attorney's Office 88-CRIME Program. 88-CRIME provides a telephone hotline for the public to anonymously call and report information about unsolved felony crimes.

Ms. Dupnik has been a certified law enforcement officer since 1977 when she graduated from the Pima County Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Training Academy. She then started her law enforcement career in 1977 as a Pima County Deputy Sheriff. In 1987, Ms. Dupnik became a Criminal Investigator in the Office of Special Investigations for the State of Arizona Department of Economic Security, and in 1993 she joined the Pima County Attorney's Office as a Criminal Investigator, later supervising and overseeing Domestic Violence and Child Abuse investigations.

Since 2005, Ms. Dupnik has worked in the 88-CRIME Program as the Crime Stoppers Outreach Community Coordinator to promote citizen involvement and participation in crime prevention.

Ms. Dupnik is an active member of our community and serves on the boards of the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center, the City/County Animal Cruelty Task Force, and as an officer with the FBI Citizen's Academy Alumni Association. In addition to her service on these local boards, she is also an active volunteer with many other community organizations, including the YWCA Tucson, the Community Food Bank, Special Olympics, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Southern Arizona Humane Society, and the Greater Tucson Leadership Program.

LaWall said, "Susie Dupnik is a definite asset to the Pima County Attorney's Office. I've worked with Susie on several projects and she always manages to think outside the box and come up with new, creative and innovative ideas to attack and solve today's problems. To help raise awareness about the connection between animal and child abuse and to give school children a positive way of expressing compassion and showing the bond

between children and animals, Susie Dupnik created the Colors of Compassion Kid's Animal Art Contest in collaboration with the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center and the Humane Society. “

“In a unique collaboration with the local law enforcement community, local filmmakers and the 88-CRIME Campus Crime Stoppers Program, Susie Dupnik initiated, developed, and helped produce the short educational film, *Trouble At Hand*. Campus Crime Stoppers allows students to anonymously notify law enforcement of illegal or suspicious activities at their schools. Helping students to understand the importance of sharing this information and how the program works is the message Susie Dupnik wanted to impart by creating this film. This film and Campus Crime Stoppers helps empower students to do the right thing and helps create a safer school environment. “

“Susie Dupnik has devoted her life to helping make Pima County a better and safer place to live. She is truly committed to the 88-CRIME Program and unquestionably will bring a renewed energy, passion, and dedication to this important position. She is highly qualified and I am very pleased to appoint her as the new Program Director of 88-CRIME.”

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