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**PRESS RELEASE**

**MARSY'S CARDS RELEASED**

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Today, the District Attorney's Office will begin distributing a card to all victims of charged crimes with a list of victims' rights known as the "Victims' Bill of Rights" detailed in a law called Marsy's Law. Proposition 9, affectionately called "Marsy's Law", was passed by the voters in November of 2008. The proposition placed a bill of victim rights in the California Constitution. There are 15 specific rights plus the right to have these rights provided in written form. To comply with the 16<sup>th</sup> right, the Shasta County District Attorney's Office has created a Marsy's Card that lists all the rights victims have when involved in a criminal case. The Card also lists telephone numbers for local resources. Local law enforcement is also required to provide a similar card to victims at the time of the crime. The District Attorneys Office will initially provide the card to victim through the mail along with a letter that gives the victim some basic information about the court process.

For additional information about this press release, contact District Attorney Jerry Benito at 245-6310 or Victim Assistance Program Coordinator Angela Fitzgerald at 225-5220.