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**PRESS RELEASE**

During the week of April 23rd to 29th, 2006, crime victims and survivors and those who serve them will join together across America to promote victims' rights and services, and to educate our communities about the devastating impact of crime on victims, neighborhoods, schools, and our nation as a whole. This year's theme, "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity" pays tribute to not only victims of crime, but members of the community who work together to provide services and support in this area. The Missouri Board of Probation & Parole, in conjunction with the Harrison County Prosecuting Attorney's Office of the Victim Advocate will sponsor a program on Tuesday, April 25th at the Bethany Community Room. The program will begin at 7:00a.m. with a continental breakfast. The keynote address will be given by Margaret Bullens, Executive Director of the Safe NOW Project. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to discuss local victims rights issues. The public is invited to attend.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Chad Smith, Probation & Parole District Administrator at (660) 359-3227 Ext. 224 or Fred Daily, Harrison County Victims Advocate at (660) 425-8661.