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## **Statement from CalVCP Executive Officer on New Grants Designed to Combat Drugged Driving**

**Sacramento, CA** –The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) Executive Officer Julie Nauman today welcomed news that the Sacramento County District Attorney's office has received grants totaling \$1.37 million to fight drug-impaired driving.

“We are pleased to hear that the Sacramento County DA’s office has received funding to fight dangerous, impaired drivers. Sadly, our program sees the destruction caused by impaired drivers firsthand on a daily basis. The financial hardship, emotional and physical recovery can be tremendous for many victims.

The new funding, granted by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will be instrumental in providing more resources for the County crime lab to test for drugs such as Xanax, Valium, Ambien and marijuana in drug-impaired driving cases. The grant will fund the purchase of a portable breath testing instrument and cover employee overtime costs for crime lab staff to help at DUI checkpoints. A large portion of the funding is earmarked to expand a program that prosecutes DUIs that result in death or serious injury. The funding will expand the unit to include drug-impaired driving cases.

Here at CalVCP, we provide financial compensation to victims of DUI crimes for crime-related expenses including medical bills, mental health bills, dental bills, income loss and more. We are confident these grants and the excellent work of the Sacramento County DA’s office and our local law enforcement officials can lead to tremendous advances in keeping our roads and our community safe.”

For more information about CalVCP, visit [www.calvcp.ca.gov](http://www.calvcp.ca.gov).

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*The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, drunk driving and vehicular manslaughter.*

*If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources.*

*Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and federal matching funds.*