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## **New State Agency Hotline Aids in Fraud Reduction**

*Ensures Money Goes to Crime Victims, Not Criminals*

**Sacramento, CA** – The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) is increasing its efforts to detect and investigate suspicious claims for reimbursement. Today, the program is unveiling a Fraud Report Hotline, 1-855-315-6083, and [webpage](#) to report suspected fraudulent behavior.

“We are enlisting the help of the public,” said Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board Executive Officer Julie Nauman. “With the launch of the new Hotline we send a clear message: We will not tolerate any attempts to defraud CalVCP and steal money away from victims in need.”

CalVCP, like most public agencies that provide assistance to individuals in need, is susceptible to unscrupulous behavior by those seeking to take unjust advantage of available funds. But these monies belong to California crime victims. To combat the abuse, the Board’s Office of Audits and Investigations will use the hotline and website as additional tools to identify potential fraud. Past cases of fraud have included medical providers seeking reimbursement for services not rendered or deemed unnecessary, and claimants seeking to double dip by forging documents.

“This program exists for the sole purpose of providing restoration to those who have suffered greatly due to a violent crime,” said Nauman. “It is our responsibility to ensure these funds are used properly. We stand committed to preventing and stopping abuse of the Fund, and to turning those who would defraud the program over to appropriate law enforcement officials for prosecution and repayment of the stolen money back to the victims fund so assistance will be available to victims.”

CalVCP received more than 53,000 applications and provided more than \$70 million in compensation to crime victims last fiscal year. Through the program, victims can be reimbursed for crime-related expenses including costs associated with funeral services, medical bills, mental health treatment, and relocations. Funding for CalVCP comes from federal grants and criminal restitution fines and not taxpayer dollars.

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, 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 matching federal funds.*