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RE: *People v Arian Eteghaei, Case No. 21CR80023*

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that she has begun a joint sexual assault investigation with the UC Santa Barbara Police Department (UCPD). The focus of that investigation is Mr. Arian Eteghaei.

UCPD Detectives have already identified several sexual assault victims/survivors. Mr. Eteghaei has been charged with several counts of sexual assault as a result of this pending investigation.

UCPD Detectives believe that there may be additional victims/survivors or witnesses who have not yet been located or contacted. Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to contact Santa Barbara County District Attorney Investigator Judith Hall at 805-568-2360.

District Attorney Dudley also stated, "The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office is well aware that survivors of sexual assault and abuse are often reluctant to come forward for a variety of reasons. With that in mind, we have many resources available through our Victim/Witness Assistance Division where our advocates will endeavor to ensure that the needs of survivors are not overshadowed by our focus on the investigation and prosecution of the accused. Victim Advocates are also available to ensure that survivors are kept informed and supported throughout the criminal justice process."

As a reminder to our community Victims/Survivors always have the option of contacting the Victim-Witness Assistance Program directly at 805-568-2400 or toll free at 855-840-3232.

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