



## MEDIA RELEASE

### OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### National Crime Victims' Rights Week – April 26<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

#### “25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act”

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department joins national commemoration of 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 26<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. During the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, crime victims and survivors, as well as those who serve them, will join together across America to promote victims' rights and to honor crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. The theme for 2009 National Crime Victim Rights Week - "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act" recognizes the Victims of Crime Act which was enacted in 1984 to provide financial support for state crime victim compensation and victim assistance programs. The Act created the Crime Victims Fund through which more than \$9 billion has been collected from federal criminal fines and other penalties to support victim services.



Members of our community are encouraged to promote “25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act” by joining victims and survivors during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

A Crime Victims' Candlelight Vigil sponsored by the Office of the District Attorney General, Seventh Judicial District, and District Attorney General Dave Clark, will be held on **Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm**, at the Hoskins/Lane Gazebo Park on Market Street in Historic Downtown Clinton.

**For more information, contact the District Attorney General's Office at 865-457-5640.**

Office for Victims of Crime: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc)

**Sheriff Paul White**