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Victims of Violent Crime Memorial

We're Calling the Community to Help Us Honor the Memory of Crime Victims

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer is proud to announce that Kern County's first-ever ***Victims of Violent Crime Memorial*** is nearing the end of construction. This meaningful tribute will stand as a lasting testament to those who have tragically lost their lives to unlawful murder and manslaughter within our community.

The memorial will feature an ossuary that will contain the names of every homicide victim in Kern County since its establishment. Our office has compiled a comprehensive list of known victims based on available records, and we are reaching out to the community to ensure that no victim is overlooked. Families who have lost loved ones to violent crime are encouraged to visit our www.kerncounty.com/da/ to review the list of names. A [contact form](#) is provided for reporting any errors or omissions. All inquiries must be submitted by **Wednesday, October 22, 2025**. The criteria for inclusion in the ossuary can also be found on our website.



In addition, a 4"x7" photograph of each victim will be placed inside the ossuary. Families wishing to contribute a photo may email it to **KPinkston@kernda.org** by **Wednesday, October 22, 2025**.

The ossuary will also honor those who lost their lives to vehicular homicide. Due to limitations in our records and those of law enforcement, we are only able to access data from the past 10 years. If your loved one was a victim of an intoxicated driver outside of that timeframe, we invite you to submit their information through the form.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer will officially unveil the memorial at the upcoming Crime Victims' Rights March & Candlelight Vigil event. Once construction progresses, we will announce a formal dedication date for this Fall. The community is encouraged to follow our [social media channels](#) or check our website for the latest updates.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "When envisioning this memorial, my hope was to create a tribute that would forever preserve the memory of the lives lost, while also creating a space where the families of crime victims could find comfort and healing. Our community is home to many meaningful memorials, and the Victims of Violent Crime Memorial will stand as a powerful and vital addition to that legacy."