



MEDIA ADVISORY
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City Attorney's Office Begins 'Megan's Law' Office Hours for Non-English Speakers

WHEN: Tuesday, January 31st –10:30am

WHERE: Oakland City Attorney's Office –6th floor, Oakland City Hall
14th & Broadway – downtown Oakland

WHAT: Press conference and hands-on demonstration for accessing the State Attorney General's website. Assistance in Spanish, Vietnamese and Mandarin Chinese by City Attorney Staff will be available.

WHO: Oakland City Attorney John Russo
Oakland Unified School Administrator Dr. Randolph Ward
Oakland Police Department Manager Frank Alliger

BACKGROUND

In 2001, the Oakland City Attorney's Office initiated a cooperative effort with the Oakland Police Department and the Oakland Unified School District to publicize information available through California's Megan's Law (www.meganslaw.ca.com). Megan's Law allows law enforcement agencies to release information to the public about the identification and location of registered sex offenders.

Megan's Law was named after seven-year old Megan Kanka. Megan was murdered by a sex offender who lived across the street from her. Megan's parents were determined that other children should be better protected and as a result, Megan's Law has been adopted across the United States.