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PRESS RELEASE

United States Attorney's Office- Northern District of New York Shows Support for Crime Victims & Honors Those Who Serve Them

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian will honor two individuals for outstanding service to crime victims. Hartunian will present these awards at a ceremony on Tuesday, April 12th which coincides with National Crime Victims Rights Week and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"By recognizing the efforts of Stephen C. Green, Assistant US Attorney-Syracuse division and Kelly L. Ciccarelli, Legal Assistant- Albany division of the US Attorney's Office we honor all those who work tirelessly to afford victims a stronger voice in the federal judicial system," said Hartunian.

National Crime Victims Rights Week provides an opportunity for local communities to pay tributes to the millions of Americans who have been victimized by crime. The Northern District of New York has a dedicated Victim Witness Unit serving over 30,000 federal crime victims over our 32 county jurisdiction. This years' theme: *Reshaping the Future - Honoring the Past*, evokes victims' past struggles and our nation's duty to help them rebuild stronger lives.

For victims, reshaping the future means confronting many challenges. After a crime, victims need to know what rights and resources they can count on. For the US Attorney's Office NDNY, reshaping the future requires meeting present and emerging challenges and providing federal crime victims with their rights and services in every case. The 2011 Eagle Award recipients, AUSA Green

and Legal Assistant Ciccarelli, are being recognized for their efforts and their dedication to the cause of justice on behalf of all crime victims.

For more information regarding the awards ceremony or National Crime Victims Rights Week contact Rachel Seeber, Victim Witness Program Manager at 518-431-0247 or email Rachel at Rachel-E-Seeber@usdoj.gov.