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Subject: Press Conference: Announcing Victims Services Consolidation Package
Location: Crime Victim Memorial Garden by Riverfront Park in Columbia, SC (near the Little Red School House)
When: 11/3/2016 10:00:00 AM - 10:30:00 AM

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Crime Victims Services Consolidation Announcement

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2016

Time: 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Crime Victim Memorial Garden by Riverfront Park in Columbia, SC (near the Little Red School House) – Site visit will be done tomorrow.

Purpose: To announce the crime victims' services consolidation package, which includes merging multiple state entities into a new Crime Victims Services Division at the Attorney General's Office.

Attendees:

- Constitutional Officers: Nikki Haley and Alan Wilson
- State Officials: Leroy Smith, Marcia Adams, Veronica Kunz, Larry Barker
- Stakeholders: Laura Hudson, Sara Barber, Dean Kilpatrick, and potentially dozens of others
- Legislators: TBD

Speakers: TBD per NH

Talking Points / Press Kit: Becca is working on drafting these now, which will be comprehensive, focusing on all of the topline components and numbers as well as the historic significant of this announcement.

Logistical Note: Achieving the consolidation package will require the following three actions.

1. Nov. 2016 – Executive Order to be issued with the Announcement: To stand up a transition team to create a transition plan by January 2017;
2. Dec. 2016 – Legislation to be Prefiled: To be effective July 1, 2017, the start of the next Fiscal Year – All of the components are fleshed out but the bill will be drafted by Legislative Council – Laura Hudson and Alan Wilson are working to secure sponsors now;
3. TBD in 2017 – Executive Order to be issued when the Bill passes: To move the administration of victims grants from DPS to AG's Office concurrent with the passage of the legislation.