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### **D.A. McMahon Creates Victim Services Unit, names lead Victim Advocate Supervisor**

*\*\*\* Veteran victim advocate to head new Victim Services Unit\*\*\**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Staten Island District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that he has created a new Victim Services Unit within the Richmond County District Attorney’s Office that will be comprised of six Victim’s Advocates and whose mission is to provide support services to individuals who have witnessed or been victimized by crime on Staten Island. The advocates in this unit are dedicated to empowering and guiding victims and witnesses through the criminal justice process, a critical function of the District Attorney’s office, made even more important by the impending opening of the Staten Island Family Justice Center. McMahon also announced that he has named veteran Victim Advocate and Staten Island resident, Nicole Rice, to head this new unit.

“Providing the essential resources needed to protect and comfort those who have fallen victim to a crime is a key function of this office,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “While no individual should ever have to experience the unimaginable burden that comes with being a victim of a crime or witnessing a crime, my office remains committed to offering vital support services through our Victim Services Unit. Our new Victim Advocate Supervisor will play a key role in facilitating the success of the soon-to-be-opened Family Justice Center, which I continue to advocate for, and in ensuring that all crime victims on Staten Island are shown the care they deserve.”

Nicole Rice will be the Victim Advocate Supervisor for the newly formed Victim’s Services Unit. Rice first joined the Staten Island D.A.’s office in September 2007 as a Victim Advocate, providing outreach and assistance to victims of domestic violence. Prior to that, Rice worked as a Senior Case Manager for Safe Horizon from October 2000 – September 2007 where she was a crisis intervention counselor for crime victims and provided support and long-term case management for victims in trauma. Rice was also an Adult Counselor for Grace Smith House in Millerton, N.Y. from August 1996 – May 2000 where she counseled victims of domestic violence. Under her new role as Victim Advocate Supervisor, Rice will be responsible for managing the office’s six victim advocates and coordinating all victim services within the Victim’s Services Unit.

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