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## **TUESDAY: CRIME VICTIMS TO GATHER AT STATE CAPITOL, DEMAND PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS AND EXPANDED VICTIM SUPPORT**

*Over a hundred crime survivors will rally at Capitol to call for expanded protections for crime victims and their families, policies that help end cycles of crime*

*Press conference followed by vigil in memory of lost loved ones*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – On Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., hundreds of crime survivors and families of crime victims from across Florida will gather at the state capitol for **Survivors Speak Florida** – organized by [Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice](#). They will urge lawmakers to expand protections for crime victims and their families and pass reforms they say will help break cycles of crime. A press conference will be followed by a vigil in memory of loved ones lost to violence.

**WHAT:** Survivors Speak Florida press conference and vigil with elected officials, crime survivors, and victims' families holding photos of murdered loved ones and advocating for safety reforms

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. EDT

**WHERE:** Florida State Capitol, 400 S Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399 (4th Floor Rotunda)

**WHO:** Florida survivors of gun violence, sexual assault, domestic violence and other crimes joined by:

- **Subhash Kateel**, Florida State Director, Alliance for Safety and Justice;
- **Aswad Thomas**, crime survivor and national director for Crime Survivors for Safety

- and Justice; and
- Elected Officials

**WHY:** Crime victims are calling for policies that address trauma, support victims, and tackle the root causes of crime. According to a [statewide survey](#), one in three Floridians have been victimized in the past 10 years. 67% of victims describe their experience as traumatic, yet only 16% felt supported by the justice system, the survey found.

This year, local members of Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice are continuing their push to make Florida communities safer for all, supporting bipartisan bills and regulations to:

- Provide expanded protections for crime victims, especially families of homicide victims
- Prioritize rehabilitation by improving Florida's probation system
- Support record sealing for those with low-level records so that they can get back to work

### **ABOUT CRIME SURVIVORS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE**

Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice is a national network of crime survivors, with more than 13,000 members across Florida, joining together to create healing communities and shape public safety policy. With more than 180,000 members and growing, including chapters and leaders across the country, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice is building a movement to promote public safety policies that help the people and communities most harmed by crime and gun violence. For more information, visit: <https://cssj.org/>.

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