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Officials Announce Personal Effects from Areas A, B & C of 1 October Incident Available

The FBI Las Vegas, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) and Clark County are making more property available for distribution to anyone who lost personal effects in the 1 October incident at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas.

Today, personal effects recovered from three areas of the venue have been cleared for release and are available at the Family Assistance Center located in the South Hall of the Las Vegas Convention Center, 3150 Paradise Road. The center, which is best accessed off Sierra Vista Drive by Swenson Street, is a safe haven and resource location for anyone who was at the concert or affected by the shooting incident. The center is not open to the media. On-site services available include crisis counseling, spiritual care, travel and transportation, lodging, legal services, on-site child care, health care assistance, Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles, and other help. Anyone who has questions about available services can call (702) 455-AIDE (2433) or 1-833-299-AIDE (2433).

"Anyone who attended the concert or tried to help victims after the incident, or was affected by it, should seek the resources available at the Family Assistance Center," said Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, in whose district the FAC is located. "Las Vegas has always been a caring, compassionate community, and that is reflected at the FAC, where everything is structured to support the families, friends and others affected by the shooting in a very sensitive manner."

Clark County Commissioner Susan Brager, who toured the FAC this morning, said she was impressed by the facility's supportive atmosphere and the work of staff and volunteers. "The Family Assistance Center is a place of healing and support. I'm so impressed with the people there and the work they are doing to help heal this community after what happened on 1 October."

The process of releasing personal effects to people who lost belongings at the concert venue is being managed by the FBI's Victim Services Division. An online questionnaire form is available on the FBI's website for concert attendees to fill out to describe personal belongings left behind. The form is located at www.fbi.gov/lvmusicfestivalshooting via the FBI's resource site for Victim Assistance Services. People can also email inquiries to the FBI's Victim Services Division at LVFestivalAssist@fbi.gov.

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As more areas of the concert venue are cleared for release by crime scene investigators, more personal effects will be transported to the Family Assistance Center and made available to be reclaimed by owners. The FBI has created a detailed <u>venue map</u> to manage the scene and property distribution process according to sections listed on the map. Personal effects **only** from <u>Areas A, B &C</u> on the map are now available for retrieval at the Family Assistance Center between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily. The map is posted at on the FBI's resource site for Victim Assistance Services. (See information entitled "Assistance for Victims of the Harvest Music Festival Shooting in Las Vegas.") The map is also posted on Clark County's website at <u>www.ClarkCountyNV.gov</u> and Metro's website at <u>www.lvmpd.com</u>. Clark County Television worked with the FBI to create an instructional video to help illustrate the process. The video is posted on Clark County's Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages @ClarkCountyNV.

As items are cataloged and transported from other areas of the venue, updates will be shared widely with news media and on social media sites using the handles @ClarkCountyNV, @LVMPD and @FBILasVegas and with the hashtags #1october and #VegasStrong. If someone is unclear about where on the concert grounds their possessions may have been lost, he or she may wish to wait until all the items have been catalogued and are made available for pickup at the Family Assistance Center.

The FBI Victim Service Division has been working to catalog and recover thousands of items left behind at the concert site by people attending the event. The items include purses, cell phones, clothing and other belongings. Upon arrival at the Family Assistance Center, visitors seeking their personal effects will be checked in at the entrance and partnered with a victim advocate who will escort them through the process. Visitors will be asked to describe the item or items they hope to recover, and if possible, the general area in the venue where it may have been left. An FBI Victim Specialist will then check inventory that has arrived from the festival venue at the Family Assistance Center and return the property if found.

<u>Please Note:</u> No photos or video of personal effects brought from the venue to the Family Assistance Center will be released by Clark County or the FBI to respect the privacy of visitors and to make every effort possible to return property to its rightful owner. Photos of many unclaimed items will be available on the FBI's website at some time in the future.

* IMPORTANT MEDIA NOTES AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER PROTOCOLS *

Due to an obligation to protect the privacy and confidentiality of families, media will not be allowed inside the Family Assistance Center or in the parking lot outside it. In cooperation with the LVCVA, we request media observe the following protocols in covering stories about the operation:

- The LVCVA has set up a media staging area in a parking lot for live shots and reports from outside the facility. The staging area is located at the Diamond 2 Lot on Elvis Presley Blvd. between Las Vegas Blvd. and Paradise Road.
- Off-property, the media are respectfully asked to be sensitive if approaching potential victims of this incident, their family members or others affected. No electronic equipment should be "rolling" at the time of the request only after, and if, a request has been granted. Media is confined to conducting interviews in the media staging area while on property at the LVCVA.

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