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NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT:	Oxnard Police Department Presents: The Family Protection Seminar Series
DATE/TIME:	All Seminars will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 07/26/18 – Internet Safety: How You & Your Child Can Avoid Danger using Social Media and the Internet (English) 08/09/18 – Preventing Runaway Children / Missing Persons (Spanish) 08/23/18 – Preventing Runaway Children & Missing Persons / Understanding Megan’s Law (English) 09/06/18 – Child Safety: Protecting Our Children from Abuse and Predators (English)
LOCATION:	City of Oxnard Administrative Building - Activity Room 300 W. Third Street
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DETAILS:

The Oxnard Police Department Family Protection Unit (FPU), in conjunction with partnering agencies and organizations, is proud to announce that it will be presenting an informational seminar series, free to the public, in an effort to continue to inform, educate and empower the community.

As part of the Investigative Services Bureau, the Family Protection Unit is comprised of a staff of detectives and civilian specialists who handle investigations related to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Missing Persons, Child Abuse and Elder Abuse. This Family Protection Seminar Series will span the all of the different specialties investigated by the FPU.

The presentations will focus on awareness and prevention and will answer the community's frequently asked questions. The series will be hosted in the city of Oxnard's Administrative Building at 300 W. Third Street in the Activity Room on the corner of Third and B Streets. To make them more available for working persons and families, hours for all presentations will be 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Topics being covered in the first set of presentations include: Internet and Social Media Safety for Families and Children, Preventing Runaway and Missing Children, Understanding Megan's Law, and Protecting Children from Predators. Future presentations will include recognizing and ending the Domestic Violence cycle and Sexual Assault awareness and prevention. These two very important presentations will be provided in English and Spanish for our community.

"The most valuable part of these presentations is that the detectives and specialists who investigate these types of cases will be the ones presenting," said Sergeant David Walker, who supervises the FPU. "Having the subject matter experts explain and teach members of our community how to avoid becoming a victim and how to protect their families is extremely powerful."

Sergeant Walker also said that partner organizations, such as The Coalition for Family Harmony, The Ventura County District Attorney's Office – Crime Victims' Assistance Unit, The Partnership for Safe Families, Interface, Children and Family Services, Ventura County 2-1-1, and others will be present at various seminars to answer any questions that their agencies can provide. "We hope that after providing this informational series, people come away with a better sense of safety and family protection, understand the processes for victims to report these types of crimes and also, knowing which organizations that can help those who have been victimized."

For more information, contact Sergeant David Walker at (805) 385-7756 or david.walker@oxnardpd.org.

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