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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha announced today that the California University of Pennsylvania has received a \$199,756 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women.

"I've always been a strong supporter of funding programs that help to reduce violent crimes against women," Murtha said. "I supported the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, which has provided a billion dollars in funding to communities over the past decade to help prevent these crimes against women and to help the victims. I'm confident that with the help of these funds, Cal U will continue to provide security and combat violent crimes against women on its campuses."

The Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campuses Program provides a unique opportunity for institutions of higher education to establish multidisciplinary groups to combat the violence. The California University of Pennsylvania will use these new funds to:

- * Provide comprehensive services to victims and secondary victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking
- * Hire an advocate/prevention education specialist
- * Strengthen education training activities for the judicial board, campus police, and the California Borough Police on security and investigation strategies
- * Review and revise procedures and protocols to be included in the updated Student Code of Conduct
- * Support comprehensive violence training to all incoming students, staff, and faculty
- * Develop education and services sensitive to minorities, international and non-traditional students
- * Develop a peer education program for all Greek Chapters

The primary partner of this project is the Crime Victim's Center, a non-profit community agency located in Uniontown. Other community partners include the California Borough Police and the Washington County District Attorney's Domestic and Sex Crime Unit.

