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***Heaven's Rain* Tells Story of  
Former Oklahoma Senator's Parents' Murders**

(Tucson, Arizona) –Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall announces that homicide survivor and former Oklahoma State Senator Brooks Douglass will personally appear and speak at the Tucson premiere of his movie *Heaven's Rain* on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Fox Theatre in conjunction with the Pima County Attorney's Office and Homicide Survivors, Inc. to honor and celebrate *National Crime Victims' Rights Week* (April 10-16, 2011).

Brooks Douglass co-wrote, produced, and stars in *Heaven's Rain*, an inspiring, remarkable, and true story of survival and triumph over tragedy. In 1979, sixteen-year -old Brooks, and his twelve-year-old sister, Leslie, were living in rural Oklahoma with their parents, Rev. Richard and Marilyn Douglass, when two drug-crazed drifters invaded their home, tied up the family, raped Leslie, and shot them all, leaving the parents dead and the children clinging to life. Both Leslie and Brooks survived to testify against the two men who were eventually convicted of killing their parents.

This inspiring story depicts the aftermath of the tragedy and the emotional tailspin Brooks endures as he tries to get his life back on track. Deeply affected by his experience, Brooks graduated from law school, became Oklahoma's youngest State Senator, and a dedicated champion for victims' rights. But it's the surprise ending that reveals the true character of Brooks Douglass.

LaWall invites Pima County residents to join her at the Fox Theatre on April 14<sup>th</sup> to watch this amazing film. It's free and open to the public. LaWall says: "I highly recommend this movie. It is a powerful story of the indomitable spirit that lives in each of us that gives us the power to triumph over injustice, tragedy, and loss." For more information go to:

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