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**25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1993 WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING
COMMEMORATED AT THE 9/11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM**

First Terror Attack on WTC Killed Six People, Injured More Than 1,000

(New York) February 26, 2018 – The National September 11 Memorial & Museum today marked the 25th anniversary of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing with a moment of silence, the tolling of a bell and the reading of the names of the six victims of the first terror attack at the site.

The moment of silence was observed at 12:18 p.m., the time of the terror strike that killed John DiGiovanni, Robert Kirkpatrick, Stephen Knapp, William Macko, Wilfredo Mercado and Monica Rodriguez Smith and her unborn child. Their names were read aloud by family members during the solemn ceremony on the 9/11 Memorial plaza, where victims' relatives, survivors, close friends, officials with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and others gathered.

Former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, mayor during the 1993 attack, was in attendance as well as Rick Cotton, Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and First Deputy Mayor Dean Fuleihan, who attended on the mayor's behalf.

Ceremony attendees placed roses on the victims' names, which are inscribed together on the North Pool of the Memorial, near One World Trade Center. The six names are alongside those of the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

"Today, we remember the six people killed in the first terror attack at the World Trade Center and we recognize the brave men and women who responded at a time their city and its residents needed them most," 9/11 Memorial & Museum Chairman Michael R. Bloomberg said. "The 1993 bombing and the 2001 terror strikes are inextricably linked, and it is the Memorial and Museum's sacred obligation to preserve the memories of those killed and the tragic, but significant events of the history."

"While much in the world has changed in the 25 years since the first attack at the World Trade Center, the global impact and personal loss of that day are still felt by many," 9/11 Memorial & Museum President Alice M. Greenwald said. "It is a privilege to gather here with the families and friends of the six innocent people who were so senselessly killed and to join with survivors to reflect and remember. We will continue to honor their memory to ensure they will never be forgotten."

“Sadly, this tragic event was only the first of other ruthless attacks to come, including 9/11,” said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton. “We continue to mourn this terrible loss and join the 9/11 Memorial & Museum in marking the 25th anniversary of the 1993 bombing which serves as a reminder that we must always remain vigilant and take whatever steps are necessary to prevent additional attacks and loss of life in the future.”

“New York responded to this attack in 1993 by miraculously restoring the World Trade Center to operation within three weeks on March 19, 1993,” said Charles J. Maikish, former Director of the World Trade Center Department at the Port Authority. “Today, on the 25th anniversary, families and survivors have come together to give each other hope and strength, as they do every year.”

Terrorists detonated about 1,200 pounds of explosives in a rental van in the underground parking garage at the World Trade Center on Feb. 26, 1993. Of the victims, Kirkpatrick, Knapp, Macko and Smith were Port Authority employees. Mercado worked for Windows on the World restaurant and was checking in food deliveries, while DiGiovanni was a dental supply salesman visiting the building at the time of the blast.

On March 19, 1993, the World Trade Center reopened for business and a multimillion-dollar upgrade plan focusing on life safety and security was implemented, according to the Port Authority, which developed and operates the Trade Center.

The 9/11 Memorial & Museum dedicated the entire month of February to commemorating the 25th anniversary of the attack with a series of special events and a special installation in the Museum that tells the story of the bombing plot, its effects on the 16-acre site and the effort to bring the perpetrators to justice. The installation features a roughly 3 1/2-foot by 5 1/2-foot model of the World Trade Center parking garage created by the FBI to demonstrate the scale of the bomb crater that measured 150-feet wide and plunged several stories deep. The model was also used in prosecuting the perpetrators. The installation closes a week from today, March 5.

More information about the 1993 attack can be found online at 911memorial.org. To learn more about the names arrangement of the 9/11 Memorial, please visit the [Memorial Guide](#).

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the nonprofit organization that oversees operations for the 9/11 Memorial and 9/11 Memorial Museum. Located on eight of the 16 acres of the World Trade Center site, the Memorial and Museum remember and honor the 2,983 people who were killed in the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The Memorial plaza design consists of two reflecting pools formed in the footprints of the original twin towers surrounded by swamp white oak trees. The Museum displays more than 900 personal and monumental objects while its collection includes more than 60,000 items that present intimate stories of loss, compassion, reckoning and recovery linked to the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. The Museum also explores the global impact of 9/11

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and its continuing significance through education programs, public programs, live talks and film features that cover contemporary topics designed for diverse audiences. For more information or to reserve a ticket to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, please visit 911memorial.org.

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