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## For Immediate Release

### **Agoura Hills One City One Book Presents Michael Connelly and New Book “Dark Sacred Night”**

***CONTEMPORARY CRIME WRITER AND FORMER LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER  
WILL DISCUSS NEW BOOK RELEASE IN BOSCH SERIES, “DARK SACRED NIGHT”***

**(Agoura Hills, CA — October 10, 2018)** *New York Times* bestselling author Michael Connelly will include an appearance in Agoura Hills on the book tour of his new release *Dark Sacred Night*. The public is invited to a special evening with Connelly who will discuss his newest book in the popular Bosch series, based on the fictional detective Hieronymus “Harry” Bosch (named after the Dutch painter known for depicting sin and redemption), a character inspired by his career as a crime reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*. “Dark Sacred Night” features both Bosch and his newest female character, LAPD detective, Renee Ballard, introduced in Connelly’s 2017 bestseller, “The Late Show.” The event is hosted by the City of Agoura Hills in conjunction with the city’s 2018 One City One Book community read program.

*Dark Sacred Night* is the 21st book of the series which began in 1992 with the award-winning *The Black Echo*. The series has sold 74 million copies worldwide in 40 languages. Connelly’s Bosch character was also developed into an Amazon TV series “Bosch”, now in its third year. Among Connelly’s bestselling books is “The Lincoln Lawyer” published in 2005 and released as a feature film in 2011 with Matthew McConaughey playing Mickey Haller, a criminal defense attorney who operates out of the back seat of his Lincoln Town Car.

During his crime reporting career at *The Los Angeles Times*, Connelly wrote an article about the unsolved Judy Kanan murder case. The tough-minded businesswoman was a descendant of the Waring family that played a key part in establishing Agoura in the 1860s. By the 1980s, Kanan and her older sister had parlayed inheritances and acquisitions into million-dollar landholdings in Agoura, now the city of Agoura Hills, its main road named after the family. In 1985, the 68-year old Judy Kanan was fatally shot in Woodland Hills, and the case remains unsolved for the Los Angeles police. Connelly wrote a follow-up article about the case in 1990 with the police concluding her threatening reputation was the probable motive for her slaying.

“With his crime writing being part of Agoura Hills history, we are thrilled to have Michael Connelly participate in our community read and honored to be part of his book tour,” said Agoura Hills Mayor William Koehler, adding, he is a fan of the Bosch series and Connelly is among his favorite authors.

The city-sponsored event with the author is Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the Agoura Hills Event and Recreation Center, 29900 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. **Admission is free, but registration is required; space is limited.** The public may pre-order a book for \$22 when registering to receive and have signed at the event. Register at [www.agourahillsrec.org](http://www.agourahillsrec.org). The event begins at 6pm with refreshments being served at 5:30pm. For updated information on One City One Book events, call 818-597-7361 or visit the website.

In conjunction with One City One Book, Mayor Koehler is also hosting a group of elementary school students at the Agoura Hills Library for a “Read with the Mayor” morning of interaction featuring the book, *7 Ate 9: The Untold Story* by Tara Lazar, a pun-filled, noir mystery for kids.

Each year, the city of Agoura Hills participates in the One City One Book national literacy program designed to stimulate reading through group book discussions and other related activities. The community read is sponsored by the City of Agoura Hills, Friends of the Library, the Los Angeles County Library—Agoura Hills Cultural Arts Council, and the Las Virgenes Unified School District. For more information about the One City, One Book literary program, contact Amy Brink at call (818) 597-7361 or email [ajbrink@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us](mailto:ajbrink@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us).

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