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REAL DUI SENTENCING IN SCHOOLS – Live Broadcast on California Channel to Schools throughout California

On Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 10:15 a.m., the multipurpose room at Linden High School (18527 E. Front Street, Linden, CA 95236) will be transformed into a real courtroom where Judge Richard Vlavianos of San Joaquin County Superior Court will preside and sentence a real defendant who has been charged with driving under the influence (DUI). The sentencing will take place in front of 200 students. However, unlike previous programs, this court session will also be broadcast to classrooms throughout California on the California Channel. This is one of two broadcasts that is being presented in coordination with the California Office of Education; AOC Education Division/Center for Judicial Education and Research; California Channel, and San Joaquin County Superior Court and is funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

The program being broadcast is known as “Choices & Consequences: Know the Truth” and is a program that informs students about the risks of driving under the influence through practical education; teaching students about the legitimate dangers of driving under the influence by showing them the unbiased judgments of the courts. Allowing students to witness actual DUI sentencing hearings that go through our legal system every day gives them a memorable experience they can keep with them as a practical reference for the future. During the broadcast, students will:

- ◆ View an actual DUI sentencing
- ◆ Hear from an individual who has lost a loved to a DUI driver and a DUI driver who has killed someone driving drunk.
- ◆ Have an opportunity to ask questions of the judge, attorneys and the defendant involved
- ◆ Learn facts and statistics about DUIs
- ◆ Know the consequences of a DUI on individual drivers, crash victims, and local communities

“Choices and Consequences” was originally implemented in San Joaquin County in 2003 with the cooperation of the San Joaquin County District Attorney’s Office, local private defense attorneys, and local school districts and schools in San Joaquin County. The program was initially funded by a grant received from the California Office of Traffic Safety and today continues to be partially funded by a grant received from the

California Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) that is funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

The program is an adaptation of the “Courage to Live Program” developed by the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. After attending the college in 2001, Judge Richard Vlavianos came back energized to begin a DUI prevention program for youth here in San Joaquin County. “Choices & Consequences,” in conjunction with the “Every 15 Minutes” program, works as a comprehensive DUI prevention program for San Joaquin County. This program is the first of its kind in the area.

All schools interested in viewing this free broadcast are encouraged to register at <http://www.register123.com/web/102069> by Thursday, February 14, 2008 for the broadcast on Thursday, February 21, 2008 and Thursday, April 24, 2008 for the broadcast on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at Sierra Middle School at 6768 Alexandria Place, Stockton, CA.

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