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Summit High School Hosts DUI Sentencing Court on School Campus

Fontana – On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, the senior class at Summit High School will experience the DUI Court in School Program which is designed to teach students the consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol. The school assembly will begin at 9 am, in the school’s gym and last for approximately one hour. The DUI Sentencing Program is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the California Friday Night Live Partnership.

Convening the sentencing of a DUI case at Summit High School will allow students to see a criminal court proceeding and learn about the serious dangers and consequences associated with DUI. The school gym will be converted into a court room and will include the services of a San Bernardino County judge, bailiff, prosecutor and defense attorney. “The proceedings, which will be viewed by approximately 600 seniors, takes place before prom and graduation festivities get underway in hopes that it will affect student choices and behavior”, said Jocelyn Chavez, FNL and Peer Leadership Advisor at Summit High School. Incidences of underage drinking and driving during prom and graduation often increase the risk of harm to youth. The Honorable Cheryl Kersey, Judge of the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, attorneys from the District Attorney’s office and the Public Defender’s Office and a victim/survivor will also speak to students about DUI laws involving underage drinking, as well as driving under the influence of prescription drugs, marijuana, and other drugs.

This program is presented in coordination with Friday Night Live, Summit High School Peer Leadership Program, San Bernardino County Public Health, San Bernardino County District Attorney’s Office, San Bernardino County Public Defender’s Office and the Superior Court of San Bernardino County.