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ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO HOST DRUG COURT GRADUATION AND ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF ITS 2002 DRUG COURT ANNUAL REPORT

The Orange County Superior Court Harbor Justice Center - Newport Beach facility will hold a ceremony for graduates of its drug court program on Monday, April 28, in Department H-13 at 3:00 p.m.

Most participants who have completed the Drug Court program have been successful in their rehabilitation and have abstained from their addiction to drugs. A recently released 2002 Drug Court Annual Report notes that of the 686 graduates since the program began that the recidivism rate has been relatively low with only 22% having been rearrested.

The 2002 Drug Court Annual Report also details statistics and comparative trends between the participants who are successful in the program and those who are not. The demographic statistics include a breakdown of new admissions by gender, age, ethnicity, employment, drug of choice, years of drug use, parental status, marital status and education. The report also lists the numbers of admissions who had previously been enrolled in PC1210 (also known as Proposition 36). For a copy of the Orange County Superior Court 2002 Drug Court Annual Report, contact Teresa Risi at (714) 834-5876.

Drug Court is a multi-agency collaborative effort which brings the justice and treatment communities together. Participating agencies in Orange County include the Superior Court, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation Department, Health Care Agency's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Sheriff's Department, local police departments and Community Services Program (CSP), Inc. and local community colleges. Adult Drug Court operates in Santa Ana, Fullerton, Westminster, Laguna Niguel and Newport Beach. Juvenile Drug Court operates in Orange and serves juveniles throughout the county.