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Teens Witness DWI Court in School

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SANTA FE—This Friday at 9:30 a.m. junior and senior students at Santa Fe High School will witness real-life consequences of driving while intoxicated. The New Mexico Department of Transportation’s Impaired Driving and Enforcement Division supports the annual Courts to Schools Program administered by the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General.

A stage set up to look like a court room, will sit in the middle of the school’s gymnasium. A judge will preside over the cases and a bailiff will be present to maintain order during the proceedings. Students will then witness the possible conviction and sentencing of an actual DWI offender from the bleachers.

“These are not actors. This is not a play. Young adults will watch actual court proceedings.” Said Transportation Secretary Michael Sandoval. “Drinking and driving is a real problem in New Mexico. Teens need to see first-hand the effects of DWI.” Adds Sandoval.

Students will also hear testimony from drunk driving victims and offenders. In addition, the teens will participate in hands-on exercises to help them understand the adverse effects of alcohol through DWI simulation goggles.

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