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FREE LEGAL CLINIC OFFERED FROM COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ONEJUSTICE

Clinic Geared to Individuals In Need of Clearing a Criminal Record

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The Santa Barbara County Public Defender’s Office and OneJustice’s Justice Bus Project® have partnered to offer county residents a FREE legal clinic for individuals in need of criminal record clearance. The clinic is noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 29 in Santa Barbara at the Veteran’s Memorial Building, 112 W. Cabrillo Blvd. Appointments are required. Interested individuals should call (323) 739-8093 for information and to schedule an appointment.

During the clinic, clients will meet one-on-one with volunteer attorneys to complete their paperwork free of charge. Attorneys will also be able to help clients adjust Proposition 47-eligible felonies to misdemeanors where possible. If clients are interested in criminal record clearance, they will need to get a copy of their criminal records prior to the clinic, which can take several days.

Prop 47 permits some individuals convicted of certain controlled substance and theft-related offenses of less than \$950 to request that their felony conviction be reduced and designated as a misdemeanor. Having a felony conviction on one’s record can impact the ability to qualify for a job, housing, a loan or educational opportunity.

For other questions and information about Prop 47 eligibility, contact the County Public Defender’s office at www.countyofsb.org, or call one of the offices and ask to speak to the Prop 47 Coordinator. In Santa Barbara, call (805) 568-3470; in Santa Maria, call (805) 346-7500; and in Lompoc, call (805) 737-7770.

OneJustice offers legal help to millions of low-income Californians who face pressing legal problems without access to legal help.