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**August 1, 2013**

**Re: Paula Lopez**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced on July 31, 2013, a case was referred to our office in which Paula Lopez was arrested for public intoxication. Public intoxication is one of several charges that qualify for our Misdemeanor Diversion Program.

It has been determined that Ms. Lopez is both eligible and suitable for this program. The cost of the program is \$250. Should she choose to enroll and complete this program, the charge of public intoxication will be dropped. Should she decide to not enroll or not complete the program, she will be criminally prosecuted for public intoxication.

Our Misdemeanor Diversion Program began on November 1, 2012. Since its inception, there have been 188 public intoxication cases referred to the program and 141 people who enrolled. There have been 47 people referred to the program who chose not to enroll or complete the program.

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