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ORANGE COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN DUI COURT

The Orange County Probation Department is proud to announce that Deputy Probation Officer Ronald De La Riva has been nominated for a prestigious award by the Southern California office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). This esteemed recognition underscores Officer De La Riva's exceptional commitment to public safety and his unwavering dedication to reducing drunk driving incidents in our community.

DUI offenses not only lead to tragic and preventable accidents but also place a substantial strain on our emergency services, healthcare systems, and legal institutions. Law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, and legal professionals are consistently called upon to address the aftermath of these incidents.

To celebrate this honor, a special MADD presentation was held for Officer De La Riva on August 27, 2024, at the Harbor Justice Center. This event followed a graduation ceremony for nine DUI Court participants. The combination of these events underscores the critical work of probation officers in supporting both recovery and enforcement efforts.

Assistant Division Director of Adult Court Services Michael Casteel expressed, "Ron has been an exemplary officer and the nomination received from M.A.D.D. underscores his dedication to both his caseload and the people of Orange County. I am proud of Ron's work and am grateful that he continues to share his passion for probation and to improving the lives of those he works with."

Moreover, the long-term effects of drunk driving extend beyond immediate accidents. Survivors often face ongoing physical, emotional, and financial challenges. Communities affected by these

incidents grapple with the loss of life and the disruption caused to their neighborhoods and families.

The Southern California office of MADD recognizes law enforcement officials who demonstrate exceptional commitment to combating drunk driving. Officer De La Riva's nomination reflects his exemplary service and the positive influence he has made in our community.

About the Orange County Probation Department

As a public safety agency, the Orange County Probation Department serves the community using effective, research supported rehabilitation practices and collaborative partnerships to successfully resocialize justice involved individuals. The Probation Department is proud to serve the Orange County community. It is dedicated to continuous improvement, searching out and applying "effective and research supported practices" to assist justice involved youth, their families, and adults to successfully navigate and successfully complete probation. Further, the Probation Department assists the criminal court system through investigations, probation reports and community supervision of thousands of adult and juvenile clients on court-ordered probation or in diversion programs. The Department operates the Orange County Juvenile Hall, and two camps for youth. In addition, the Department operates two Youth Reporting Centers serving North and Central Orange County.

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