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OC Probation Celebrates Two Successful Probationers at DUI Court Graduation

WESTMINSTER, CA- (July 1st, 2025)- The Orange County Probation Department (OC Probation) proudly celebrated two inspiring individuals, Alberto Lopez and Johnathan Falcon, at the DUI Court Graduation at the West Justice Center. The ceremony highlighted the profound personal growth and resilience that define this collaborative, accountability-driven alternative to traditional sentencing.

Both Alberto and Johnathan shared heartfelt speeches detailing their challenging journeys and the life-changing support they received through the DUI Court Program. Their stories reflected the essence of what the program strives to accomplish: a sense of accountability and renewed purpose.

Presiding over the graduation, the Honorable Judge Jay Moorehead praised the graduates' "positive attitudes and bright demeanors," noting their commitment to change and community reintegration. He also extended a special invitation to both graduates, to return as part of the DUI Court alumni program to recognize the powerful impact both graduates could have on future cohorts.

"The success of DUI Court is measured not just in the number of graduates, but in the lives that are stabilized and the individuals who go on to become thriving, contributing members of society," said Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Yesenia Torres, "Programs like this show how rehabilitation and structured support can lead to lasting change." DPO Torres works with the probationers directly, facilitating court compliance and program defined goals.

DUI Court is a collaborative effort involving the Orange County Probation Department, the Orange County Superior Court, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office,

treatment providers, and partner law enforcement. Together, this team works to reduce recidivism and increase public safety by addressing the root causes of impaired driving.

About the Orange County Probation Department

The Orange County Probation Department is a public safety agency dedicated to supporting rehabilitation, accountability, and safer communities. We serve youth, families, and adults through effective, evidence-based practices, community supervision, diversion programs, and custodial care. The Department prepares investigations for the court system and operates Juvenile Hall, two youth camps, and a Youth Reporting Center that serves the entire county. We are committed to continuous improvement and providing services that help individuals succeed on their path through probation.

Our Commitment to the Community

OC Probation remains committed to creating a system that upholds dignity, justice, and inclusion. As we carry out our duties, we will continue to act in accordance with California law and with the trust placed in us by the communities we serve.

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