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Subject: SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHIEFS' & SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION NEWS CONFERENCE

- SAN DIEGO AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS SPEAK OUT ON PROPOSITION 36

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Partners: Nearly one dozen San Diego area law enforcement leaders are supporting a proposal on this November's election ballot that would hold offenders accountable for crimes.

Proposition 36 would:

- Implement stricter laws on retail theft and strategies for addressing drug dependency.
- Institutes felony charges for possessing certain drugs and for thefts under \$950 if the defendant has two prior drug or theft convictions.
- Creates a treatment-mandated felony, which gives the option of rehabilitation for someone with two previous hard drug possession convictions.
- Toughens penalties for fentanyl and drug traffickers and "smash-and-grabs" while holding repeat offenders accountable.

"Our residents and business owners have made it clear that enough is enough," said Chula Vista Police Chief of Police Roxana Kennedy. "Prop 36 puts serial thieves and repeat drug offenders on notice and allows our residents to take back their communities."

Law enforcement leaders from the San Diego County Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association will be holding a news conference to discuss Proposition 36 and the legislation's impact on public safety. The agencies and law enforcement leaders joining the Chula Vista Police Department are:

• District Attorney Summer Stephen, San Diego County District Attorney's Office

- Chief Scott Wahl, San Diego Police Department
- Chief Roxana Kennedy, Chula Vista Police Department
- Chief Rick Martinez, Coronado Police Department
- Chief Michael Moulton, El Cajon Police Department
- Chief Ed Varso, Escondido Police Department
- Chief Ray Sweeney, La Mesa Police Department
- Chief Kedrick Sadler, Oceanside Police Department
- Chief Alex Hernandez, National City Police Department
- Chief Magda Fernandez, San Diego Harbor Police
- Asst. Chief Frank Johnson, University of San Diego Police Department

DATE: Thursday, October 24, 2024

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Front steps of the Chula Vista Police Department (315 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA)

Email <u>pio@chulavistapd.org</u> or call/text PIO Sgt. Molina at (619) 385-6775 for coordination purposes if you will be attending.

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