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TRIALS IN PROGRESS THE WEEK OF APRIL 28th, 2008

DEPARTMENT 1

JUDGE SALTER

#**1240981** Defendant Kenneth Charles Steele. Jury trial began April 23rd in Department 1 before Judge Salter on the felony charge of Robbery and the misdemeanor charge of Resisting Arrest.

DEPARTMENT 7

JUDGE SHAVER

#**1102574** and #**1102019** Defendants Pablo Lopez (#1102574) and Daniel Joseph Martinez (#1102019). Jury trial began April 8th in Department 7 before Judge Shaver on the felony charges of Murder, Attempted Murder, and Participation in a Street Gang.

#**1236061** Defendant Devin Laron Camel. Set for jury trial April 22nd in Department 7 before Judge Shaver on the misdemeanor charge of Domestic Battery. This case is trailing to April 29th in Department 7.

DEPARTMENT 9

JUDGE STEFFEN

#**1072252** Defendant Israel Garibai Covarrubias. Jury trial began April 14th in Department 9 before Judge Steffen on the felony charge of Murder.

CASES TENTATIVELY SET FOR TRIAL THE WEEK OF APRIL 28th, 2008

DEPARTMENT 1

JUDGE SALTER

#**1238501** Defendants Parkash Singh and Tarnjot Singh. Set for jury trial April 28th in Department 11 before Judge Salter on the misdemeanor charges of Creating a Public Nuisance (both defendants) and Drunk in Public (Defendant Parkash Singh only).

DEPARTMENT 2

JUDGE SILVEIRA

#**1242389** Defendant Christopher Don Martin. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 2 before Judge Silveira on the misdemeanor charge of Creating a Public Nuisance.

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#1239374 Defendant Jeffory Stephen McDaniel. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 2 before Judge Silveira on the misdemeanor charge of Creating a Public Nuisance.

#1232971 Defendant Debbie L. Meier. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 2 before Judge Silveira on the misdemeanor charges of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Hit and Run.

#1231365 Defendant Ashor Oshanazadeh. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 2 before Judge Silveira on the misdemeanor charge of Indecent Exposure.

#1243235 Defendant Michelle Ann Price. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 2 before Judge Silveira on the misdemeanor charges of Child Stealing in Violation of a Custody Order, Evading a Peace Officer, and Contempt of Court.

#1236118 Defendant Barry Edward Sandy. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 2 before Judge Silveira on the misdemeanor charges of Driving Under the Influence (DUI).

#1237558 Defendant Christopher Lee Ulery. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 2 before Judge Silveira on the misdemeanor charges of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Hit and Run.

DEPARTMENT 3

JUDGE WHITESIDE

#1239054 Defendant Leopoldo Martinez Sanchez. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 3 before Judge Judge Whiteside on the misdemeanor charge of Domestic Violence.

DEPARTMENT 4

JUDGE JOHNSON

No criminal jury trials scheduled.

DEPARTMENT 5

JUDGE ZEFF

#1226673 Defendant Thomas Eugene Casey. Set for jury trial April 28th in Department 5 before Judge Zeff on the felony charges of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Threatening to Commit a Crime Resulting in Great Bodily Injury or Death, Domestic Violence, and the misdemeanor charge of Violation of a Protective Order.

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#1223287 Defendant Jesus Netzai Acevedo. Set for jury trial April 28th in Department 5 before Judge Zeff on the misdemeanor charges of Driving Under the Influence (DUI).

#1218829 Defendant Sherri Diana Shepherd. Set for jury trial April 28th in Department 5 before Judge Zeff on the misdemeanor charge of Petty Theft.

DEPARTMENT 6

JUDGE ASHLEY

No criminal jury trials scheduled.

DEPARTMENT 7

JUDGE SHAVER

#1224150 Defendant John Matthew Ray. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 7 before Judge Shaver on the felony charges of Sodomy With Person Under 18 Years of Age, Sexual Penetration by Foreign or Unknown Object, Committing a Lewd Act on a Child Age 14 or 15 Years and Defendant 10 Years Older, and Failure to Register as a Sex Offender.

#1225780 Defendant Jessie Edward Espinosa. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 7 before Judge Shaver on the misdemeanor charges of Driving Under the Influence (DUI).

#1219873 Defendant Jose Jesus Carrillo Nava. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 7 before Judge Shaver on the misdemeanor charges of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Hit and Run.

#1235635 Defendant Lourdes Ramirez. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 7 before Judge Shaver on the misdemeanor charge of Domestic Violence.

DEPARTMENT 8

JUDGE CORDOVA

No criminal jury trial scheduled.

DEPARTMENT 9

JUDGE STEFFEN

#1226943 and #1229313 Defendant Robert Ware. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 9 before Judge Steffen on the misdemeanor charge of Battery (each case).

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DISPOSITION OF CASES SET FOR TRIAL/PRETRIAL THE WEEK OF APRIL 21st, 2008

DEPARTMENT 2

JUDGE SILVEIRA

#1219933 Defendant Ramiro Velasco Rodriguez. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 2 before Judge Silveira on the misdemeanor charges of Reckless Driving and Evading a Peace Officer. The trial date was vacated after the Court granted the People's request to continue the case because a key witness was unavailable. A hearing to reset the jury trial is scheduled for May 16th in Department 2.

DEPARTMENT 3

JUDGE WHITESIDE

#1223637 and #1237779 Defendant Dennis Deane Bashaw. Set for jury trial April 22nd in Department 3 before Judge Whiteside on the misdemeanor charges of Petty Theft, Driving on a Suspended License, Failure to Register Vehicle, Failure to Provide Proof of Automobile Insurance (#1223637) and Petty Theft (#1237779). The trial date was vacated after the defendant was referred to Mental Health Court. The next hearing is set for May 1st in Department 10 for review by the Mental Health Court.

#1218242 Defendant Emmanuel Dinkha Purto. Set for jury trial April 22nd in Department 3 before Judge Whiteside on the misdemeanor charge of Hit and Run. The trial date was vacated after the defendant pled no contest to the lesser infraction of Failure to Stop at Limit Line, Crosswalk or Entrance to Intersection, was ordered to pay specified fines and pay full restitution.

#1041357 Defendant Alfredo Fuentes. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 3 before Judge Whiteside on the felony charge of Murder. The trial date was vacated after the defendant pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter with the use of a firearm and was sentenced to 10 years in State Prison. Chief Deputy District Attorney Alan Cassidy prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

DEPARTMENT 4

JUDGE JOHNSON

#1239137 Defendant Juan Carlos Rios. Set for jury trial April 23rd in Department 4 before Judge Johnson on the misdemeanor charge of Domestic Violence. The trial date was vacated after the defendant pled no contest to the lesser offense of misdemeanor Battery, was placed on 3 years informal probation and sentenced to 20 days in the county jail.

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#1237889 Defendant Randy Green Jay. After a two-day jury trial beginning April 23rd in Department 4 before Judge Johnson on the felony charge of Receiving Stolen Property, the jury found the defendant guilty. The court found the defendant to have two prior felony convictions for which he served a prior commitment to state prison. The matter was referred to the Probation Department for their report and sentencing is scheduled for May 28th in Department 4.

DEPARTMENT 5

JUDGE ZEFF

#1237158 Defendant Edwin Garcia. After a jury trial held April 21st in Department 5 before Judge Zeff on the misdemeanor charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, the jury found the defendant not guilty.

#1243048 Defendant Manuel Salas. Set for jury trial May 5th in Department 5 before Judge Zeff on the misdemeanor charges of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Driving on a Suspended License, and Giving False Information. The trial date was vacated after the defendant pled guilty to Driving on a Suspended License and Giving False Information, was placed on 3 years informal probation, ordered to pay specified fines and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail.

#1224952 Defendant Julie Lang. Set for jury trial September 22nd in Department 5 before Judge Zeff on the misdemeanor charge of Driving Under the Influence of a Drug (DUI). The trial date was vacated after the Court granted the People's motion to continue the case because a key witness was unavailable. The trial is rescheduled for October 27th in Department 5.

#1231088 Defendant Victor Shelton. Set for jury trial May 5th in Department 5 before Judge Zeff on the felony charge of Domestic Violence. The trial date was vacated after the defendant pled guilty in Department 2 before Judge Stone, was placed on 3 years probation and sentenced to 90 days in the county jail.

#1228799 Defendant Vera Franco. Set for jury trial May 5th in Department 5 before Judge Zeff on the felony charge of Hit and Run and the misdemeanor charge of Driving Under the Influence (DUI). The trial date was vacated after the defendant pled guilty to Hit and Run as a misdemeanor and DUI, was placed on 3 years probation, ordered to pay specified fines, attend a Level I alcohol counseling program and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail.

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#1233007 Defendant Yakoop Yakow. Set for jury trial April 28th in Department 5 before Judge Zeff on the felony charge of Assault with Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury. The trial date was vacated after the defendant pled guilty to the charge as a misdemeanor, was placed on 3 years probation, ordered to pay restitution, and sentenced to 90 days in the county jail.

#1225561 Defendant Michael Anthony Malone. After a three-day jury trial beginning April 23rd in Department 5 before Judge Zeff on the misdemeanor charge of Domestic Violence, the jury found the defendant not guilty.

DEPARTMENT 6

JUDGE ASHLEY

No cases to report.

DEPARTMENT 7

JUDGE SHAVER

#1236490 Defendant Eric Reich. Set for jury trial August 5th in Department 7 before Judge Shaver on the misdemeanor charges of Driving Under the Influence (DUI). The trial date was vacated after the defendant failed to appear at two pretrial hearings.

#1218948 Defendant Anthony John Bernal. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 7 before Judge Shaver on the felony charge of Possession of Methamphetamine While in the Immediate Possession of a Firearm. The trial date was vacated after the defendant failed to appear at the pretrial hearing.

#1235365 Defendant Gary Lynn Mainard. Set for court trial April 21st in Department 7 before Judge Shaver on the misdemeanor charge of Reckless Driving. The trial date was vacated after the Court granted the People's motion to amend the complaint to the misdemeanor charge of Engaging in a Speed Contest. The Court subsequently found the defendant guilty as charged and imposed specified fines. Deputy District Attorney Hans Hjertonsson prosecuted the case for the People.

#1211995 Defendant Juan Chavez Ceja. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 7 before Judge Shaver on the felony charges of Attempted Murder, Aggravated Mayhem, and Threatening to Commit a Crime Resulting in Great Bodily Injury or Death. The trial date was vacated after the Court granted the defendant's motion to have a new attorney appointed. The jury trial is rescheduled for June 3rd in Department 7.

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DEPARTMENT 8

JUDGE CORDOVA

#1228590 Defendant Matthew Scot Seibert. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 8 before Judge Cordova on the felony charge of Sale of Marijuana. The trial date was vacated at a Law and Motion hearing after the Court granted the defense motion to continue the case because the defendant had not been ordered to appear. A hearing for the motion is scheduled for May 9th in Department 8.

#1215163 Defendant Michael Orby Hatton. Set for jury trial April 22nd in Department 8 before Judge Cordova on the felony charges of multiple counts of Committing a Lewd Act Upon a Child Under 14 Years of Age. The trial date was vacated after the defendant pled to two counts of Committing a Lewd Act Upon a Child Under 14 Years of Age and was sentenced to 3 years in state prison. Deputy District Attorney Nate Baker prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

#1230577 Defendant Cloteal Smith. After a two-day jury trial beginning April 22nd in Department 8 before Judge Cordova on the misdemeanor charges of Harboring a Felon and Resisting Arrest, the jury found the defendant not guilty.

DEPARTMENT 9

JUDGE STEFFEN

#1234999 Defendants Frank Peter Nissan and Emile Kamal Thomas. Set for jury trial April 29th in Department 9 before Judge Steffen on the misdemeanor charges of Resisting Arrest (both defendants) and Battery on a Peace Officer (Defendant Emile Kamal Thomas). The trial date was vacated after the Court granted the defense motion to continue the case because key witnesses were unavailable. A hearing to reset the jury trial is scheduled for May 8th in Department 9.

#1220359 Defendant Robert Harris. Set for jury trial June 2nd in Department 9 before Judge Steffen on the felony charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Ecstasy for Sale, Possession of Methamphetamine and Ecstasy While in the Immediate Possession of a Loaded Firearm, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and having two prior felony convictions for which the defendant served a prior commitment to state prison. The trial date was vacated after the defendant pled guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine and Ecstasy for Sale and admitted the prior felony convictions. The defendant also pled guilty to a new offense of Evading a Peace Officer in Case #1243151. The defendant was sentenced to a total of 5 years in state prison. Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore prosecuted the case for the People.

DEPARTMENT 11

JUDGE SALTER

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#1235607 Defendant Jimmy Newton Brown. Set for jury trial April 28th in Department 11 before Judge Salter on the felony charge of Possession of Methamphetamine and the misdemeanor charges of Possession of a Hypodermic Syringe and Giving False Identification. The trial date was vacated after a pretrial hearing in Department 11 before Judge Stone when the defendant failed to appear.

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