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Court of Appeal to Hold Outreach Session in Riverside on April 22

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Riverside—More than 800 high school students are expected to attend a special court-community outreach program cosponsored by the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two on Tuesday, April 22, starting at 9:15 a.m. The Outreach Plus program will be held at the Coachella Valley High School Auditorium, 83-800 Airport Boulevard, Riverside. The public is welcome to attend.

After oral argument, the justices and appellate court staff will team up with Riverside County Bar Association members to talk to students about the California appellate and superior courts, legal careers, and the importance of staying in school.

Outreach Plus is a collaborative effort of the Court of Appeal, the Riverside County Bar Association, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Herbert R. Fischer, and Coachella Valley High School Principal Manuel Arredondo.

Joining the justices will be Jean Matulis and Richard A. Levy, counsel for the appellants, and Kristine A. Gutierrez and Ronald A. Jakob of the Office of the Attorney General, representing the people.

Cases to Be Argued

People v. Miller, E040249: The defendant was convicted of murder and attempted murder as an aider and abettor. On appeal, the defendant contends that the trial court erred (1) in precluding him from arguing that he lacked malice aforethought, (2) in instructing the jury that it could convict the defendant of the charges as an aider and abettor of misdemeanor assault, (3) in admitting into evidence a brief portion of a videotape of defendant gesturing to his sister to be quiet, and (4) excluding evidence that the actual shooter committed suicide.

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People v. Arroyo, E040796: The defendant was convicted of first-degree murder with gang and firearm enhancements. On appeal, the defendant contends that (1) the evidence was insufficient to prove he committed the crime for the benefit of a group that qualified as a gang, and the jury instructions were inadequate on this issue, (2) the trial wrongly denied appellant's request to represent himself, (3) the trial court should have given appellant a new attorney, (4) the trial court abused its discretion in denying defendant's *Marsden* motion, (5) the appellant did not receive the correct number of days served prior to being convicted and sentenced, and (6) the minutes incorrectly refer to a sentence of life without possibility of parole.

About Outreach Plus

The Court of Appeal launched Outreach Plus in January 2005. Classroom visits acquaint students with the appellate court system, encourage them to stay in school, and inspire them to consider a career in law. In the past, the Court of Appeal has held oral argument at high schools in Inyo, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The court's outreach programs have reached more than 8,900 high school students since the programs began in 2002.

The Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two (Riverside) hears appeals from the superior courts of Inyo, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. For more information, call Paula Garcia, Assistant Clerk/Administrator, at 951-248-0200.

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