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D.A.'S OFFICE INVITES ISLAND TEENS TO LEARN ABOUT TV PRODUCTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN ONGOING PROGRAM

****D.A.'s Venture Crews Introduce Youths to TV Production & Justice System****

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. today announced that his office is inviting members of Staten Island's teen community to participate in the "District Attorney's Venture Crew," a program coordinated by his office. The purpose of "venturing" is to offer young people an opportunity to learn new skills in a positive environment under the direction of adult mentors.

The District Attorney's Venture Crew is looking for boys and girls ages 14 – 19 years old who want to learn about TV Production. Learn to be a camera person, writer, stage manager, lighting director, audio technician and other media skills. Following the initial training period, the participants will help produce video programming for the Staten Island D.A.'s office. Previous activities have included visits to the studios of NY1, Fox 5 and the News Corporation. Last year's Venture Crew produced video programs focusing on DWI and Date Rape.

Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7 pm. Recording and editing of shows may be on weekends depending on availability.

An information session on the program will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 14th at the District Attorney's office at 130 Stuyvesant Place, St. George.

For more information, interested individuals may contact Andrew Scudera at: Andrew.Scudera@rcda.nyc.gov or 718-556-7171.

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