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CSAC HIGHLIGHTS FOUR COUNTIES IN “SMART JUSTICE” VIDEOS
Coincides with National County Government Month

SACRAMENTO - The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) today unveiled a series of videos highlighting four counties that are using best practices and evidence-based programs to assess and supervise criminal offenders who have been “realigned” to their jurisdictions by AB 109. The four counties are Glenn, San Bernardino, San Joaquin and San Mateo. The videos can be found at www.csac.counties.org/smart-justice-california-counties.

The video release coincides with the National Association of Counties’ County Government Month. The theme this year is “Smart Justice.” In the videos, probation officers and program experts explain how they implemented realignment, and offenders talk about how county programs are helping them turn their lives around.

“These counties are using a collaborative approach to assess each offender as an individual and provide the appropriate level of supervision based on that assessment,” said CSAC Executive Director Matt Cate. “They also provide each offender with the tools they need to stay out of jail. When we break the cycle of recidivism and re-incarceration, we protect the public at far less cost than keeping someone locked up.”

“These videos highlight county success stories and feature examples of best practices that can really help people change for the better,” said CSAC President and Del Norte County Supervisor David Finigan. “They serve as models so other counties can decide how to incorporate these concepts into their own realignment programs.”

Representatives from the realignment programs in the four counties highlighted in the videos are available for news media interviews. Please contact Gregg Fishman at CSAC if you would like contact information for one or more of the four counties.

The California State Association of Counties is the voice of California’s 58 counties at the state and federal level.