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## **CITY ATTORNEY DELGADILLO'S SCHOOL SAFETY PROSECUTOR TO EDUCATE BOYLE HEIGHTS STUDENTS, RETAILERS ON DANGERS OF INHALANTS**

*Roosevelt High School Seminar First Step in Campaign against Inhalant Abuse*

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo's School Safety Prosecutor assigned to Roosevelt High School will today coordinate an Inhalants Prevention Seminar organized by the City Attorney's Office as part of a comprehensive effort to fight inhalant abuse among students, and with the help of parents and local retailers. The seminar comes in concert with the National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week.

As part of her inhalant abuse prevention effort, Deputy City Attorney Veronica De Alba will meet with more than 650 Roosevelt students at two mandatory assemblies to discuss laws relating to the possession of inhalants for the purpose of becoming intoxicated or under the influence. Guest speakers will include Mr. Harvey Weiss, Executive Director of the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition and parent Don Coates who lost a child due to inhalant abuse.

Parents have noted that local parks are full of air freshener cans and other inhalant products. Both the LAPD and School police have also confirmed that Roosevelt students and students at other local high schools and middle schools have been found in possession of inhalants on-campus.

The City Attorney's Office will also contact local retailers to educate them regarding rules and regulations against wrongfully selling products that contain certain toxic ingredients to minors. Retailers in the area who persist in selling dangerous products to minors could face criminal prosecution, including fines and jail time. California is one of the few states that has laws that may be applied to the improper use of certain products that contain toxic ingredients for the purpose of inhaling.

Deputy City Attorney Veronica De Alba was assigned as a School Safety Prosecutor in September 2007 and is dedicated to the prevention of crime around the immediate area of Roosevelt High School through the aggressive prosecution of crime and the development of programs for the benefit of students and their families.

Inhalant use refers to the intentional breathing of gas or vapors with the purpose of reaching a high. Products commonly abused include, but are not limited to, spray paint, air freshener, glue, shoe polish, gasoline or lighter fluid, nitrous oxide, and typewrite correction fluid.