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CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON THE FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING IN LOS ANGELES ON JUNE 21, 2006.

The California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice, created by the California State Senate to examine the causes of wrongful convictions and to make recommendations and proposals to further insure that the administration of criminal justice in California is just, fair and accurate, will hold its second public hearing in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Commission Chair John K. Van de Kamp announced that this hearing will focus on false confessions as a cause of wrongful convictions, and proposals to require the electronic recording of custodial interrogations. The Commission released tentative recommendations (attached) which will be the focus of testimony and discussion at the hearing. Keynote presentations will be made at the hearing by Thomas P. Sullivan, a Partner in Jenner & Block LLP, Chicago, Illinois, who served as co-chair of Illinois Governor George H. Ryan’s Commission on Capital Punishment, and as Chair of the Illinois Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee, and by Professor Richard A. Leo, a law professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, who has researched and published several studies analyzing cases of wrongful convictions from false confessions. Representatives of statewide organizations of judges, prosecutors, police and defense lawyers are being invited to address the Commission with regard to its tentative recommendations.

The Los Angeles hearing will be held at Loyola Law School, 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, California 90015.