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Tomorrow, the Shasta County Superior Court, in conjunction with the Shasta County District Attorney's Office will host the Twelfth Annual Shasta County Mock Trial Competition at the John Balma Justice Center, 1655 West Street, Redding. Teams from Shasta High School, Enterprise High School and West Valley High School will compete by presenting a criminal case to judges and attorneys. Local attorneys will grade the competitors, and the winning team will move on to the state finals in Riverside in April.

The fact pattern this year involves a homicide case, with the motive being jealousy over a suspected stolen script for a television show. The investigation used Memory Mapping Test, a new scientific examination which detects brain activity associated with memory. Pre-trial motions will decide the admissibility of the science.

The competition begins on Saturday, February 23, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until approximately 5:00 p.m. The two top teams will compete in a final round to determine the County Champion.

The competition is a great way for local students to get a first-hand glimpse of how the judicial system works. Local attorneys donate their time to coach the students in preparation for this weekend's competition. Local judges will oversee the trial.

The competition is open to the public. Questions regarding the competition should be directed to Deputy District Attorney Erin Dervin at 245-6300.