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Enterprise High School Wins Annual Mock Trial Competition

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Yesterday, the Shasta County District Attorney's Office and Shasta County Superior Court hosted the Annual Shasta County Mock Trial Competition. Teams from Shasta High School and Enterprise High School competed by presenting a criminal case. The case was presided over by Chief Deputy District Attorney Brian Popkes from the District Attorney's Office and each student was evaluated and scored by local attorneys.

The fact pattern this year was a felony case in which the defendant was accused of hit and run causing injury. The main issue was the identity of the driver and each team did well in focusing on the relevant issues when presenting their cases. Pre-trial motions involved whether the defendant had been subjected to a custodial interrogation without being read his rights per *Miranda*.

After two rounds in the competition, District Attorney Stephen Carlton announced Enterprise High School as the winner of the competition. Enterprise High School will have the opportunity to compete in the state competition which will take place in Riverside next month.

The competition is a great way for local students to get a first-hand glimpse of how the criminal justice system works. Local attorneys and teachers donate their time to coach the

students in preparation for the competition.

We are hoping to get more schools involved next year and any high school teachers in Shasta County who would like to participate are encouraged to contact Rachel Donahou at the District Attorney's Office.
