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PRISON TIME AVOIDED IN SANTA MARIA COURT



Soap opera actress Jensen Buchanan was arrested for a felony DUI accident last year and released after posting \$100,000 bail. The injuries were severe as a result of a head-on collision. For sixteen months since, our client continuously availed herself of all opportunities to demonstrate rehabilitation, and worked diligently to demonstrate sobriety. Our firm's goal was to convince the court that the prosecutor's request for a maximum sentence did not fit the crime nor our client's efforts. We advocated tenaciously for our client in court, especially when the

prosecutor argued she violated the terms of the bail by drinking. We demonstrated the alcohol device was faulty and that our client was in full compliance. Ultimately, Ms. Buchanan was sentenced to probation, local jail time, and continued treatment. She is eligible to be released in 180 days or less.

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TMZ VIDEO CASE: FROM \$2M BAIL TO PROBATION AND COMMUNITY WORK

The L.A. District Attorney indicted our client for numerous charges related to a scheme to sell a video of her fiance Suge Knight running over two men in a parking lot to TMZ for \$55,000. This video evidence was subject to a protective order issued by the trial judge in the Knight case. In their investigation, officers found that our client exchanged texts with TMZ over the sale of the video knowing there was a protective order. The

initial bail requested by the prosecutor was over \$2 Million, which our firm argued was excessive and unconstitutional. After bail was significantly reduced by the judge, our firm filed motions to dismiss the case. Eventually we worked out a plea agreement releasing our client from custody, and placing her on probation. As part of the agreement, the district attorney's office dropped two other charges against her, including conspiracy to obstruct justice and conspiracy to commit grand theft. Our client had been facing up to three years behind bars. She has now been released, is back with her family, and can petition the court for a misdemeanor and expungement in the future.



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PERRY MASON MOMENT IN CRIMINAL COURT LEADS TO EXPOSING LYING WITNESS - ALL FELONY RAPE CHARGES DISMISSED



Day 2 of the preliminary hearing....The silence hung in the air. The judge, attorneys, defendants, and audience waited for the alleged victim's answer. Her voice trembled as she said, "I don't remember that video." The defense attorney said, "There are 7 innocent lives at stake because of what you said. Will you admit that you're not telling the truth?" The alleged victim broke down in tears: "I don't know." She was denying something that was clear

- the sexual contact was done with her full consent and participation. The Perry Mason moment during cross-examination exposed her as a liar yet she refused to admit it. She also had admitted not wanting to be in trouble at home, and with the police, for being a habitual runaway and using drugs/alcohol - before claiming rape this time. She had a motive to make up the story but the prosecutor and police did not investigate it. At the end of the hearing, our 19-year old client was released, had felony charges dropped, and pled to a misdemeanor sentence for having consensual sexual relations with the 15-year old accuser.

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CASTING DIRECTOR TO HAVE CASE DISMISSED

Numerous casting directors were charged with receiving payments for auditions, during workshops, in violation of the state's Talent Scam Prevention Act. Our client entered a No Contest plea and will have the case dismissed without a conviction after completing community service. Her record will be clean after the anticipated dismissal.

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EISNER GORIN CELEBRATES - RUSSIAN STYLE

This month Eisner Gorin held its annual firm party. Our friends and colleagues enjoyed a fun night with Russian music, cuisine, and great company. Eisner Gorin and the Eastern European Bar Association jointly hosts regular attorney mixers and MCLEs. The next one will be held in December.



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