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**PLYMOUTH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY CRUZ  
IS HEADED TO CAMP**

**WHITMAN** – Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz is scheduled to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Plymouth County Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education Summer Program for Kids tomorrow, Tuesday, July 28th at Whitman-Hanson High School.

Sponsored by DA Cruz's Office, along with the Plymouth County Police Chiefs and the Plymouth County Drug Education/School Resource Officers, this year's camp will host more than 500 kids – both campers and counselors from 18 South Shore towns. The program promises smiles all around as campers participate in outdoor activities, enjoy Chinese food and meals from favorites Domino's and McDonald's and are treated to snow cones and the ice cream truck. But the program is not all fun in the sun. School resource officers and teenaged peer leaders will also use the opportunity to work with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade campers on responsibility, decision-making, discipline, and most importantly, how to say no to drugs and alcohol.

"Today's kids are facing unimaginable social pressures," DA Cruz said. "We need to build them up to resist alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs and violence so they can confidently make the right decision in that moment and go forward to succeed."

Along with daily activities that include a Summer Olympics obstacle course, representatives from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department will fingerprint campers and there will also be a Sheriff's Department K-9 dog demonstration. Special guests to perform at the camp include Guinness Book of World Record holder Mark Kenny, who holds the record for walking on his hands and Ooch, a yo-yo expert. On Thursday, the Hanson Fire Department will transform Whitman-Hanson into a frothy oasis when they foam the field around the slip and slide and dunk tank for water day.

Towns participating this year are Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Lakeville, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rockland, Scituate, Wareham, West Bridgewater and Whitman.

**DA Cruz will attend camp Tuesday, July 28th from 9-10:30 a.m. to greet campers and be on-hand when the State Police helicopter touches down.**

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