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NEWS RELEASE

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Location: Maple Street Correctional Center, Redwood City

Event: Five Keys Education Program

The Sheriff's Office Works To Reduce Recidivism Through Education

On Tuesday, September 20, 2016, Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos attended a graduation ceremony at the Maple Street Correctional Center. While in custody an inmate was able to complete the Five Keys education program and obtain his high school diploma.

Five Keys was founded in 2003 by the San Francisco Sheriff's Office and has been successful in 11 other facilities throughout the state. It is an accredited education program that has been recognized for reducing recidivism. This program focuses on its "Five Keys" of: education, employment, recovery, family and community. Since we implemented the program in July 2016, we have seen its benefits in helping students succeed.

The first inmate to graduate from this program was awarded his high school diploma yesterday. He stated, "It was a wonderful program and the teachers really helped. Even after I had all my credits, I looked forward to coming to class even though I didn't have too."

After the ceremony Sheriff Bolanos, told the class, *"I commend all of you for your courage and willingness to better yourselves. It is not easy to do, especially in a correctional facility. I want you all to know that we fully support you and while in custody we will provide you with the tools to help you be successful."*

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