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### ***“7 Reasons to Leave the Party” Presentation Coming to Urbana High School Illinois Judges Association Program Encourages Youth to Make Wise Decisions***

Urbana High School will host a presentation from the Illinois Judges Association entitled “7 Reasons to Leave the Party” on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 8:15 a.m. The program is designed to encourage students to make wise decisions regarding drinking, drugs, and leading a responsible life.

Judge Mark A. Drummond, of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Quincy, will present the safety message to Urbana High School students. “By the time a teen hits the courthouse, it is too late. This is our attempt as judges at preventative law. Most teens want to do the right thing, and hopefully they’ll encourage their peers to do the same,” Drummond says.

Urbana High School Principal Laura Taylor says: “Most young people experience times in their lives when they have to make a difficult, sometimes life altering decision in the face of peer pressure. UHS students are no different - and it is important that they are exposed to the reality of the consequences of their actions and the impact that their decisions can have on themselves, their families, and loved ones. Judge Drummond’s message is an important one. I am hoping that each of our students gain a better understanding of the hard facts surrounding alcohol, drug use, and unprotected sex.”

Members of the media wishing to cover the “7 Reasons to Leave the Party” assembly at Urbana High School October 2, 2007, please contact Laura Taylor at 384-3524.

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