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## Media Advisory

**WHO:** State's Attorney Tom Gibbons to recognize Juvenile Diversion graduates at ceremony

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Madison County Courthouse, Courtroom 103, 155 N. Main Street, Edwardsville, IL 62025

**SIGNIFICANCE:** Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons and Associate Judge Janet Heflin will preside over a graduation ceremony for students completing the Juvenile Diversion program on Thursday.

The program, founded by Rev. Tim Stark of Navigation Church, is designed as an alternative to juvenile court for youth offenders. Thursday's ceremony marks the students' successful completion of the program. Approximately 15 students are expected to be present to receive their diploma.

State's Attorney Gibbons provided support for the program as an Assistant State's Attorney in 2006 and has been an advocate of the program ever since.

**Media are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you are bringing in any electronic devices or cameras, please check in with courthouse security and provide them with your credentials/identification. For interviewing specific juveniles and their families, please contact Rev. Stark upon arriving at the ceremony.**

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