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SHERIFF HENNESSY TO CELEBRATE FIVE KEYS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

San Francisco Sheriff Vicki L. Hennessy will celebrate the graduation of our latest Five Keys Charter High School class. Seventy-five men and women will receive their high school diplomas or GEDs with their families and friends in attendance. Sheriff Hennessy will emcee the event.

WHEN: January 26, 2017 TIME: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. WHERE: St. Mary's Cathedral

1111 Gough St. San Francisco

"It is a day of celebration for our graduates, many of whom have overcome incredible obstacles to obtaining their high school diplomas – something many thought would never happen," said Five Keys Executive Director Steve Good. "This demonstrates how second, and even third chances can have a huge impact on a person's life, and underscores the need for more programs like Five Keys."

"We are proud of our Five Keys students," Sheriff Hennessy said. "Their resolve to complete their high school education is commendable – and an important step in their future."

Founded in 2003, Five Keys Charter High School is the first charter high school in the nation to operate inside a county jail system. Today, it serves incarcerated populations in several counties, including San Francisco, Alameda and Los Angeles, as well as adult learners and at-risk youth in community learning centers. In 2015, Five Keys was awarded Harvard University's Kennedy School Innovations in Government Award.

The name Five Keys stands for the five elements needed to support successful reentry to the community after incarceration: education, family, recovery, employment and community.

For more information on Five Keys and other Sheriff's Department programs, visit www.sfsheriff.com.

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