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**MADD Honors Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven as the Prosecutor of the Year**

(Woodland, CA) – **June 3, 2013** - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has named Yolo County Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven its Prosecutor of the Year at its annual statewide Law Enforcement and Community Recognition Dinner. The MADD California Prosecutor of the Year award is presented to one prosecutor who has made a significant impact in one or multiple cases and worked closely with MADD. Chief Deputy DA Raven is the inaugural statewide recipient of the award. The Recognition Dinner was held at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento where hundreds of law enforcement officials from across the state gathered, many of whom were honored for their own contributions to stopping driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

When introducing Chief Deputy DA Raven, Judy Utter, MADD Senior Victim Services Specialist, spoke highly of his efforts and the Yolo County District Attorney's Office's contributions to furthering MADD's mission and theme of the night – eradicating DUIs one step at a time. Ms. Utter stated, "I was in court in Yolo County a few years ago advocating for the family who lost their daughter in a horrific DUI vehicular manslaughter case. The judge was ready to let the defendant out of custody when Jonathan stood up and cited a new constitutional amendment giving victims the right to speak out at bail hearings. Jonathan spoke with me and the mom outside and the mom made a passionate statement to the judge in open court. The judge did not let the defendant out of custody." Ms. Utter also praised Chief Deputy DA Raven for his role in overseeing the District Attorney's Office of Traffic Safety Vertical DUI Prosecution Grant where Deputy District Attorney Matt De Moura, the lead prosecutor, aggressively prosecutes complex and serious DUI cases.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig, who is a strong proponent of MADD and who is committed to eliminating the risk that DUI drivers pose to the community, stated, "Jonathan's continuing commitment to the fight against impaired drivers and his deep compassion for victims of crime are just a few of the reasons this award was so deserved. The entire Yolo County District Attorney's Office is extremely proud of Jonathan!"

In addition to Chief Deputy DA Raven, several Yolo County law enforcement officers were honored for leading their agencies in DUI arrests. Woodland Police Officer Lyssa Gomez, West Sacramento Police Officer Matt Boudinot, UC Davis Police Officer Ryan Terry, and Davis Police Corporal Pheng Ly received recognition for their continuing efforts to eliminate impaired driving and keep the community safe.

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