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## **Sheriff Greg Hamilton Announces Teen Dating Violence PSA Winners**

Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton will announce the winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teen Dating Violence Awareness Annual Public Service Announcement Contest, cosponsored by the Austin Film Festival, at an awards banquet at 6:30 p.m, Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 at the Travis County Sheriff's Office Ruiz Building, 5555 Airport Blvd. Austin, Texas.

### **First Place, Austin High School, "Don't Kick A Dog"**

Katie Kies and Lucy Weberlein

### **Second Place, Austin High School, "Faces Of Violence"**

Blake Lauritzen and Maggie Ximenes

### **Third Place, Westlake High School, "Control Is Not Love"**

Coralee Trigger, Colleen Troxell, Sam Westerfield and Collin Berry

### **Honorable Mention, Austin High School, "Talking To Yourself"**

Bessie Tassoulas, Laura McNairy and Brady Schwertfeger

Also in attendance will be Carolyn Mosley, mother of teen dating violence victim Ortralla Mosley; Barbara Morgan, executive director of the Austin Film Festival and Kirsten Case, director of the Young Filmmakers Program with the Austin Film Festival.

"We could not be more thrilled about the talents of these high school students and the successes that lie ahead of them," said Sheriff Greg Hamilton. "It is imperative that through our Teen Dating Violence Awareness Campaign, we continue to further emphasize the importance of healthy relationships to every teenager."

We would like to thank Emily Burdett with Stephen F. Austin High School and Dale Baker with Westlake High School for their assistance to the students who participated.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness community partners include the Austin SafePlace, Women's Advocacy Project: Teen Justice Initiative, and the Austin Film Festival. Our banquet sponsors are Johnny Carino's Italian Grill, Sweet Leaf Tea, Houston's Restaurant, Austin Party Central, and Tiff's Treats. Prize packages provided by Sweet Leaf Tea, Kruger's Jewelers, Prime Outlet – San Marcos, Austin Film Festival, EZ's Brick Oven & Grill, Austin's Park & Pizza, National CineMedia, Austin Toros and Target Stores, Inc.

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