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El Modena Student Recognized by Virginia Law Enforcement

June 7, 2013 (Orange, CA) – El Modena High School (EMHS) student Alexandria Warren was recognized Wednesday for her contributions as part of the Criminal Justice class to solve an arson investigation conducted by the Virginia State Police and the Accomack County Sheriff's Office.

Tom Schwartz, Safety Officer for the Melfa Fire Department, flew in from Virginia to personally recognize Warren. The recognition ceremony took place in the Criminal Justice classroom on the El Modena High campus. The Criminal Justice class is part of the Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway in the Public Service Industry Sector offered in the Orange USD Regional Occupation Program (ROP).

Earlier in the year, Schwartz requested assistance profiling the serial arson crimes in Accomack County, VA. EMHS Criminal Justice/CSI teacher Ray Welch offered to enlist students from his classes to help in the investigation. A total of 123 students played a part in the investigation.

Senior Criminal Justice student Alexandria Warren voluntarily continued the profiling process during spring break. Her sense of commitment to the investigation not only reflected the characteristic of a true leader, but also displayed her overwhelming interest in solving crimes.

The dedication and teamwork of everyone involved contributed to the ultimate arrest of two individuals on April 2, 2013.

Accomack County is located on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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