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# NEWS RELEASE

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### CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE & DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE JOINED BY COMPUTER

**San Diego, CA**:  The City Attorney's Office and District Attorney's Offices are now joined together by computer. After months of planning, coordination, implementation and training, the two offices now have instant access to each other's case information and will be able to communicate with each other through computer technology.  For the first time, the City Attorney's Office will have an efficient, legitimate criminal case management system.

The District Attorney's office prosecutes felonies and the City Attorney's office prosecutes misdemeanors in the City of San Diego.

"Criminals are well organized and know how to exploit the system's loopholes and slip through the cracks," said City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. "Now, our prosecutors are well organized to take them on. Justice and efficiency prevail when we work together with the DA's office."

The City Attorney's Office and District Attorney's Office have developed a close working relationship during the past 10 months.  Prosecutors from both offices now train together in joint education programs, cover court appearances for each other and coordinate efforts to attack organized crime. Under a program begun earlier this year, some deputy city attorneys are specially designated to prosecute felonies.

"This new era of cooperation and collaboration between our offices will go a long way in improving the criminal justice system in San Diego," District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis said.

"We want to thank District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis for sharing her office's technology," said Goldsmith. "This project came on time and under budget because of her help."

The City Attorney's criminal case management system will benefit the taxpayers of San Diego by enabling more efficient criminal prosecutions and helping to better protect our communities.

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