Medina County Common Pleas Court

PROBATE AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS

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Kevin W. Dunn Judge

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Judge Dunn Encourages Parents to Attend Hidden in Plain Sight Exhibit

In an effort to help educate and increase awareness about risky behaviors, Judge Kevin W. Dunn asks parents to attend the traveling exhibit November 19, 2013 at Buckeye High School.

MEDINA – The Bath Township and Copley Police Departments seek to help parents realize the warning signs and sneaky behaviors that can be found in a child's room at the Hidden In Plain Sight traveling exhibit at Buckeye High School November 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Judge Kevin Dunn is supporting the effort by not only attending this event, but every local Hidden In Plain Sight exhibit to help answer any questions parents may have.

"This is a great program to let parents know what's going on," Judge Dunn said. "Parents should make it a course to walk through their kids' bedrooms. Kids think of their room as an escape but parents need to check it out and know what their kids are engaged in."

Parents will have the opportunity to interact with the exhibit, a set up of a child's bedroom with approximately 200 items, half of which are drug paraphernalia. The parents are challenged to spot potential items that could be a sign of risky behavior, including substance abuse, underage drinking, eating disorders and sexual activity.

Judge Dunn said this exhibit could also help a parent notice not only substance abuse or social problems, but could help them see something that may ultimately, whether planned or not, result in death.

Apart from the interactive exhibit, there will also be a PowerPoint presentation.

There is no charge to attend the exhibit. Youth are not permitted. To learn more about the Hidden in Plain Sight traveling exhibit or upcoming dates, visit www.BathTownship.org.

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