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DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEANNINE M. PACIONI PROMOTES CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT TO MANAGING DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni is pleased to announce the promotion of Chris Knight to the position of Managing Deputy District Attorney.

Mr. Knight received his Juris Doctor degree from U.C. Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California.

Before joining the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, Mr. Knight served as a deputy district attorney in the Fresno County District Attorney's Office. There, he prosecuted general felonies, domestic violence felonies, and child abuse and sexual assault cases. He also served on active duty in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. His assignments included legal assistance, trial counsel, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, and a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. As trial counsel, he prosecuted felony crimes in courts-martial. During his deployment he reviewed kinetic military operations, advised generals, led a NATO claims team, and received the Bronze Star Medal for his service. He currently holds the rank of major in the Army Reserve. The Army recently selected him to serve as the senior legal advisor to the commander of approximately 4,000 soldiers.

Mr. Knight will join Marisol Mendez as our second managing deputy district attorney.