

**USE BY MASS NEWS MEDIA OF NAMES OF  
JUVENILES IN POLICE MATTERS**

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- WHEREAS, We are concerned with the use by mass news media of the names of juveniles in police matters; and
- WHEREAS, These arrests are public record, but the court dispensation, by law, is strictly private; and
- WHEREAS, It is presently at the discretion of news media personnel to determine the use of juveniles' names in their own media; and
- WHEREAS, The American tradition of justice is that any person accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt, but juveniles charged with offenses and later found innocent may never be exonerated by the news media which have published accounts of their arrests; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California PTA support action by legislators and other authorities that would prohibit the disclosure to the news media of names of juveniles subject to legal proceedings due to arrests.