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SUPREME COURT TO VISIT AIR ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

High school students from throughout Academy School District in Colorado Springs will get a first-hand look at the Colorado Supreme Court February 28 as the court hears oral arguments in two cases on appeal. The auditorium of Air Academy High School will be turned into a courtroom for the half-day proceedings.

The first case to be heard is that of Jose Salcedo who wants the Supreme Court to void his conviction for bringing a relatively large quantity of cocaine into the state. Salcedo's attorney believes the judge mistakenly let the jury hear the arresting officer's testimony that his behavior prior to his arrest was consistent with the behavior of people who transport drugs.

The second case, the People of the State of Colorado versus Nathan Hall, concerns a 1997 skiing accident in which skier Hall collided with another skier killing him. The district attorney is appealing the dismissal of manslaughter charges against Hall.

Students attending the oral arguments have been studying the Supreme Court and the two cases being argued. About 40 attorneys from the El Paso County Bar Association have volunteered to provide expertise in the classroom.

The Supreme Court visits a high school two times a year as part of the Courts In The Community program.

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Note to Electronic Media: If you plan to cover the events of February 28, please call Sherry Patten (1-800-888-0001 extension 621) for restrictions regarding cameras in the courtroom by Friday, February 25.