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**Think Before You Text**  
**The Dangers and Consequences of “Sexting”**

**New Braunfels, Texas** — On September 25th, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Comal County District Attorney Jennifer Tharp will provide a presentation for students and their parents on the penalties associated with “sexting.” The presentation will be held at New Braunfels Municipal Court, 1486 S. Seguin Avenue.

“Texting isn’t anything new, but it’s safe to say that it continually becomes more engrained in our daily lives,” said Mary Alice Smallbone, Teen Court Coordinator and Juvenile Case Manager for the City of New Braunfels. “It started out as a way you occasionally communicated with your friends. Now people text their bosses, their kids’ teachers, etc. The more accepted it becomes, the less you ‘think’ when you do it.”

Since Texas Senate Bill 407 passed in 2011, the legal consequences regarding “sexting” have been expanded. It is important for everyone – especially juveniles and minors – to be aware of the penalties that can come from being convicted or adjudicated of “sexting.”

Youth will earn four community service hours by attending the session with a parent.

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