MEDIA ADVISORY — California Innocence Project to Discuss Wrongful Convictions on May 23 at Cal Poly

WHAT: A discussion about wrongful convictions led by Justin P. Brooks, director of the California Innocence Project and professor at California Western Law School. The event is a stop on the Innocence March (http://innocencemarch.com), a journey of more than 600 miles from San Diego to Sacramento, that Brooks and two other attorneys are making to bring attention to the cause of wrongful convictions. Brooks’ presentation will cover topics including eyewitness testimony, false confessions, police misconduct, and other issues surrounding wrongful convictions. The event is free and open to the public.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23

WHERE: Science (Building 52), Room E27, at Cal Poly
For a campus map, go to: maps.calpoly.edu

MORE: Since its inception in 1999, the California Innocence Project has exonerated nine people who had spent a combined total of 113 years in prison at the cost of millions of taxpayer dollars.

The Innocence March will culminate in Sacramento, where the group will protest the incarceration of The California 12, men and women identified by the group as wrongly convicted, and present clemency petitions for all 12 to Gov. Jerry Brown.

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