



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

July 24, 2014

Mr. Paul McQueary, President
Don't Meth With Us, Foundation

Dear Mr. McQueary:

I have spent over 24 years in law enforcement and have fought the evils of illegal drugs for the greatest part of those years. I have witnessed the devastation and destruction they have had on many lives.

In 2006 Meth was the drug of choice in our community and with our juvenile population. It was the root cause of most all of the crimes committed and approximately ninety percent of all property crimes.

I believe that the only sure way of turning the tide on the drug epidemic that is sweeping our community is an effective prevention program such as the "Don't Meth With Us" program started by your group in 2006.

As a result of the program, Meth use in our juvenile population has virtually disappeared. In 2006, 39 juveniles were arrested for possession compared to only one in 2013. These are amazing results. I believe every community could utilize this program. I know it is making an enormous difference in San Juan County, New Mexico.

I have personally talked to many of our young adults who have participated in the "Don't Meth With Us" program and it was the deciding factor for them to "NOT" experiment with Meth or other illegal drugs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Christesen".

Ken Christesen
Sheriff

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