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**TALENT MANAGER SENTENCED FOR ADVANCE-FEE
TALENT SCHEME THAT PUT MINORS AT RISK**

LOS ANGELES – A Studio City-based talent manager was convicted of operating an advance-fee talent scheme that placed several minors at risk of harm. Deputy City Attorney Mark Lambert successfully prosecuting the case.

Defendant Nicholas Roses, 21, the operator of Roses Entertainment Group, entered a no contest plea to one count of operating an advance-fee talent representation service and one count of failing to file the proper \$50,000 bond with the State Labor Commission.

Judge Yolanda Orozco sentenced Defendant Roses to 36 months probation, during which he was ordered to have no involvement with any talent training service, talent counseling service or talent listing service anywhere, including outside the State of California. Defendant Roses was also ordered not to be involved with any "camp," education facility or daycare facility attended by anyone under the age of 18. Failure to abide by the terms of probation will result in Defendant Roses being sentenced to at least six months in jail.

Defendant Roses was also ordered days in jail or perform 45 days of Community Labor, to pay \$10,700 in total restitution to the three complaining witnesses and to pay \$2,000 investigative costs to the City Attorney's Office.

In January 2011, three parents contacted the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office to complain about talent manager Roses' business practices. In 2010, each of the parents, all Ohio residents, met Roses at an Ohio Talent agency workshop. Roses offered to manage their children, ages 6, 13, and 14 at the time, and advised each of the parents to relocate to Los Angeles and sign up for his summer entertainment industry "boot camp."

Each of the parents ultimately relocated to Los Angeles and paid approximately \$3,000 per child to attend the August 2010 week-long "boot camp." The parents complained that the event was extremely disorganized, with participants to serve 90 ranging in age from six to 62, all randomly thrown together. Defendant Roses failed to provide adequate seating, sufficient food, water and breaks during the 12-hour program. Many of the children became ill, including one girl who developed swollen lungs, hives and rashes.

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