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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION IN JAIL BUILDS HOPE FOR SUCCESSFUL REENTRY

What: In-Custody High School Graduation from the San Francisco Sheriff's Department's Five Keys Schools and Programs.

Who:

- Eighteen in-custody graduates will walk across the stage and accept their high school diplomas or GED.
- Almost half the people booked into San Francisco County Jail lack a high school diploma. An education is one of the biggest factors between successful reentry and avoiding recidivism.
- Graduates who sign media waivers will be available for interviews in a secure area in front of the audience following the ceremony.

When: January 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant St., Sixth Floor Auditorium, San Francisco

Why:

- Fifteen years ago, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department launched the first-ever, in-custody charter high school in collaboration with Five Keys Schools and Programs.
- Five Keys provides an in-custody curriculum in math, English, history, restorative justice and science to inmates to assist them in their successful reentry to their communities.

Results:

- 2,210 people have graduated from Five Keys in Northern California since the school's founding inside San Francisco County Jail in 2003.
- Fifteen years later, Five Keys is a nationally-recognized, non-profit education management corporation, which operates accredited charter schools, workforce development and reentry programs for transitional-aged youth (TAY) and adults at over 70 locations in the community and in 17 county jails across California.