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Pacific Palisades attorney Streve Cron (right) will appear on Wednesday's BUSTED 101 panel with comedian Kenji Thomas at Kehillat Israel.

Busted 101 to Address Teens and the Legal Justice System

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Whether you are a college student occupying the quad, a high school student who gets caught at the wrong party at the wrong time, or you have experienced contrasting treatment from law enforcement based on the zip code you're in, it's important to know your rights.

□□ With police brutality in the headlines, crime in affluent neighborhoods on the rise and racial tensions looming, many people have questions about the law and how our legal system works. If you have concerns or questions on anything from pepper spray to search warrants, BUSTED 101 provides the opportunity for students and community members to get answers in a positive, open forum.

□□ Young Angels of America, a Pacific Palisades-based community service organization, has teamed up young comedians and top-notch legal professionals to create BUSTED 101: 'Myths vs. Reality in the Legal Justice System.' The event is free to the public and will be held at Kehillat Israel Synagogue (Sunset at Muskingum) on Wednesday, December 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

□□ The event will be facilitated by Cyn Yamashiro, executive director of the Center for Juvenile Justice at Loyola Law School.

□□ Panelists will include Lieutenant Howard Leslie of the Los Angeles Police Department; Palisadian Steve Cron, a criminal defense attorney and member of the Palisades Community Council; comedians Kenji Thomas, Jimmy Ouyang, Roberto Rodriguez and Edwonda White (first recipient of Black Entertainment Television's (B.E.T.) Comedienne of The Year Award), and more.

□□ Each comic will share his or her personal experiences with law enforcement while living in diverse cities (from Phoenix to Compton), and their thoughts on the legal system. The panelists will also answer audience questions.

□□ 'Young people need a safe space to get answers to real questions, like 'Is it okay for your boyfriend to put his drugs in your purse?' or 'What is the correct reaction to being handcuffed at a demonstration?' said Highlands resident Brook Dougherty, executive director of Young Angels of America.

□□ She added, 'A panel like this is hugely important, especially with all the misinformation teens have about drugs and alcohol and the law, and often their almost complete ignorance about what is smart and what is stupid.'

□□ BUSTED 101 panels will continue into 2012, when the Young Angels host multiple forums to engage youth, students and community members in discussions on justice and the law.

□□ Refreshments will be provided following the panel; during this time guests can speak one-on-one with the panelists. Young Angels will also offer high school students one hour of community service for attending. For more information, visit their Web site at www.youngangelssofamerica.com

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