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ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE ANNOUNCES HIS DEPARTURE

(San Diego) After 28 years as a member of the San Diego Police Department, Assistant Chief of Police Joel Bryden has accepted the position as the new Chief of Police for Walnut Creek, California. Chief Bryden will take over as Chief of Police for the City of Walnut Creek on June 30, 2008. Walnut Creek has a population of 66,000 residents and a police force of 78 sworn officers and 39 civilian employees.

Currently, Assistant Chief Bryden is in charge of Centralized Investigations for the Department which includes homicide, gangs, robbery, sex crimes, vice, narcotics and the laboratory. Prior to his current assignment, Bryden managed the Department's Special Operations Bureau, which includes SWAT, K-9, Air Support, Special Events and Traffic operations.

During his 28 years with the Department, Chief Bryden has had many different assignments including Commanding Officer of the SWAT unit, as well as the Captain in charge of the Southeastern and Central Area stations. Bryden was also in charge of planning and operations for the 2003 Super Bowl held in San Diego. He also held positions in Internal Affairs, Narcotics, Vice, and Special Events during his tenure at the SDPD.

Chief Lansdowne made the following statement, "Chief Bryden has had an exemplary career with the San Diego Police Department. Walnut Creek is fortunate to have him as their new Chief of Police. He will be truly missed."

Chief Bryden has been married to his wife Nancy for 26 years and has two sons, Miles (22) and Alex (18).

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