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Re: People v. Dario L. Pini, et al.

Santa Barbara City Attorney Sues Dario Pini under California Unfair Competition Law

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley and Santa Barbara City Attorney Ariel Calonne today jointly announced the filing of an unfair competition action against Dario L. Pini and his related business entities. The suit is filed in the name of the People of the State of California.

The lawsuit is a follow-up to the City's December 2016 inspections of 164 residential and motel units controlled by Pini. The complaint alleges that Pini is responsible for more than 3,000 violations of the California Health and Safety Code, Building Standards Code, Fire Code, Residential Code, Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, the International Maintenance Code, and the Santa Barbara Municipal Code. The lawsuit further alleges that each of these violations constitutes an unfair business practice in violation of California's Unfair Competition Law.

District Attorney Dudley expressed her appreciation to the Santa Barbara City Attorney's Office "for their zealous protection of the People of the City of Santa Barbara". City Attorney Ariel Calonne noted that, "California law is clear that persistent code violations of this magnitude amount to unfair competition that harms Santa Barbara's residents and taxpayers."

The action was made possible through the cooperation of District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley who gave her consent to the City Attorney's use of the Unfair Competition Law.

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