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Re: Santa Barbara District Attorney Appeals Karsai Case to the California Supreme Court

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that on April 18, 2012, the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Sacramento denied the Santa Barbara District Attorney's request to keep convicted sexually violent predator Tibor Karsai from being released as a transient in Santa Barbara County. After being notified of the decision late Wednesday afternoon, District Attorney Joyce Dudley took immediate action. The District Attorney's Office sent an appeal directly to the California Supreme Court in an effort to prevent Karsai from being released as a transient. The District Attorney contends that last month's decision by the Placer County Superior Court to release a sexually violent predator as a transient was legally incorrect. The District Attorney made the decision to take the case to the California Supreme Court because otherwise Karsai could be released as early as Monday. The District Attorney is now requesting that the California Supreme Court overrule the Court of Appeal decision and order Karsai not to be released until a suitable residence is located.

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