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United States Department of Justice Denies District Attorney Joyce Dudley's Extradition Request of Randy and Evi Quaid

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley announced that her office's request to the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) to seek the extradition of Randy and Evi Quaid from Canada has been denied.

In September 2010, Randy and Evi Quaid were arrested on charges of felony vandalism. The Quaid's posted bail and were released pending their arraignment on the charge in Santa Barbara Superior Court. The Quaid's failed to appear in court on a number of occasions. In November 2010, the Quaid's were located in Canada. Based on their failure to appear on the underlying charges, their bail bonds were forfeited and warrants were issued for their arrest.

Extradition from a foreign jurisdiction can only be requested through the USDOJ; the Santa Barbara County District Attorney cannot seek extradition. The Santa Barbara County District Attorney applied to have the USDOJ request the Quaid's extradition from Canada.

Today, the USDOJ notified the Santa Barbara County District Attorney that they will not seek the requested extradition. In declining to seek extradition, the USDOJ noted the resource intensive and lengthy process involved in seeking extradition from Canada. They further stated that extradition is generally reserved for more serious offenses than that with which the Quaid's have been charged.

The bench warrants issued in November 2010 for the Quaid's arrest remain out. Should the Quaid's return to the United States, they will be arrested on those bench warrants.

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