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The continuing effort by Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley to keep sexually violent predator Tiber Karsai from being placed in Santa Barbara County may finally be resolved on January 23, 2013.

This legal battle started on March 27, 2012, when a Placer County Superior Court Judge ordered non-resident Tiber Karsai released into Santa Barbara County as a transient. The Santa Barbara County District Attorney immediately challenged that order and was successful in obtaining a temporary stay, which effectively stopped Karsai from being immediately released. However, the Court of Appeal later decided to release Karsai, notwithstanding the request by the District Attorney.

District Attorney Joyce Dudley then took the extraordinary measure of requesting the California Supreme Court to intervene and block the pending release of Karsai and his transfer to Santa Barbara County. The California Supreme Court ordered the Court of Appeal to reconsider its release order and the matter is scheduled for argument on January 23, 2013.

Although the odds may be against the Court of Appeal reversing itself on the release and transfer order, District Attorney Dudley and Deputy District Attorney Michael Carrozzo hope to prevail in their effort to keep Tiber Karsai from being released as a transient to this county. This legal odyssey demonstrates the commitment by the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office to keep sexually violent predators like Karsai off the streets in order to pursue public safety for all.
