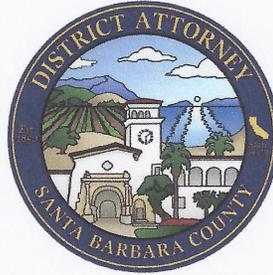


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Re: *The People of the State of California v. Robert Joseph Perez*

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that seven felony charges have been filed against retired Santa Barbara Fire Department employee, Robert Joseph Perez. Mr. Perez has been charged with one count of a violation of Penal Code section 487(a), felony grand theft, and six counts of filing a false income tax return for tax years 2007-2012, a felony violation of Revenue and Taxation Code section 19705(a)(1). The complaint alleges that the grand theft occurred between March 1, 2006 and February 12, 2012.

Additionally, a special allegation has been charged alleging the amount of theft to exceed \$100,000.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Brian Cota has been assigned to the case. Arraignment is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2013, in Santa Barbara Superior Court, Dept. 8.

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