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Re: District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that the Court of Appeal in Sacramento, California, granted her request to stay the pending release to Santa Barbara County of Tibor Karsai, a sexually violent predator.

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that on March 27, 2012, a superior court judge in Placer County issued a decision ordering Tibor Karsai, a sexually violent predator, be released into Santa Barbara County as a "transient" on or before April 16, 2012. Immediately after receiving that decision, District Attorney Dudley directed that a Writ of Mandate challenging the decision be filed with the Third District Court of Appeal in Sacramento. A Writ of Mandate is a request to a higher court for an order directing a lower court to take action. The District Attorney concluded that this extraordinary procedure was necessary to protect the residents of Santa Barbara County. The Writ of Mandate combined with a Request for Stay was filed by the District Attorney on April 2, 2012. On April 4, 2012, the Court of Appeal granted the stay, which means that Karsai will not be released on April 16, 2012. The Court of Appeal will now consider the merits of the case, before making a final decision as to when or where Karsai will ultimately be released.

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