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Re: *People of the State of California v. Tony DeNunzio*

As you are aware, our office has been asked by Criminal Defense Attorney Darryl Genis to provide him a copy of the "dash-cam" video that recorded portions of the October 21, 2011, Driving Under the Influence arrest of Tony DeNunzio.

Our office is in the process of re-interviewing every currently known witness that was at the scene of the incident at Gelson's parking lot on October 21, 2011. In addition, we are seeking the assistance from anyone who may have been a witness and has not yet come forward. We are interested in any witness accounts of what happened and any possible photographs, video or audio recordings.

Thus far, no criminal charges have been filed. The decision to file any criminal charges will be made after the Santa Barbara Police Department and the District Attorney's Office completes their investigation. In the interest of fairness to all involved parties, our office will not release the "dash-cam" video at this time. History has taught us that the hearing or viewing of this type of evidence can taint the true recollections of eyewitness accounts; our office will not facilitate this possible obstruction of justice. We must not make a rush to judgment or allow a case to be tried in a public forum. Our court system exists for determining the truth. Only after a thorough and complete investigation has concluded will our office make a decision on filing criminal charges, at which point all reports and recordings will be released to the legal representatives of those affected parties.

If you have any information concerning this on-going investigation, please contact Supervising Investigator Greg Wilkins @ 805-568-2357.

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