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Re: Tony DeNunzio

On Friday night, October 21, 2011, Santa Barbara Police Department Officer Aaron Tudor made a traffic enforcement stop that led to the arrest of Mr. Tony DeNunzio. This incident was witnessed by numerous members of the public who were present in Loreto Plaza at the time of the arrest.

The initial police reports identified twelve potential witnesses, all of whom were contacted by law enforcement that evening or soon thereafter. These initial reports were forwarded to the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office the following week and were immediately reviewed by our office.

The District Attorney's Office then canvassed the Loreto Plaza businesses for any additional witnesses or evidence which might be relevant to this investigation. As a result of that effort, we did locate and interview additional witnesses and obtained video media previously unknown to law enforcement.

This office is now awaiting the preparation of further reports and additional witness interviews. These interviews and further reports are necessary components of any fair and just decision by our office relating to any potential charges surrounding the events that occurred after Officer Tudor made contact with Mr. DeNunzio.

However, at this point, we can indicate that we will be charging Mr. DeNunzio with violations of California Vehicle Code sections 23152(a)—driving under the influence of alcohol; 23152(b)—driving with a blood alcohol level above .08 percent; and V.C. 14601.2—driving with a suspended license which had been suspended because of a prior driving under the influence conviction.

We believe, based upon the interview schedule and report preparation time estimates, that all charges related to these events will be filed by our office near the end of this month.

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