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**California Supreme Court Grants District Attorney Joyce Dudley's "Appeal"
Preventing the Release of Tibor Karsai into Santa Barbara County**

On May 17, 2012, the California Supreme Court granted the Petition for Review filed by District Attorney Joyce Dudley. Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye ordered that the matter be transferred back to the Third District Court of Appeal in Sacramento with directions to vacate its order denying the writ of mandate filed by the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office last month.

The order directs the Placer County Superior Court to "show cause" why the relief sought in the petition for writ of mandate should not be granted. The Supreme Court further ordered that the stay previously issued remains in effect pending order of the Court of Appeal. The case will now be transferred back to the Court of Appeal for a decision that is consistent with the Supreme Court's order.

This rare decision by the California Supreme Court provides support for District Attorney Dudley's contention that the decision by the Placer County Superior Court to release a sexually violent predator as a transient was legally incorrect. This also means that the previous order to release Tibor Karsai will continue to be stayed until the Court of Appeal reaches a decision

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