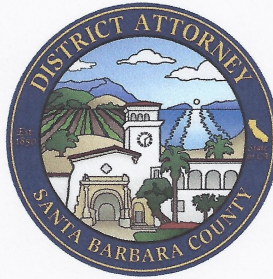


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**Court of Appeal in Sacramento Denies District Attorney's Petition
to Prevent the Release of Tibor Karsai into Santa Barbara County**

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that on Thursday afternoon, February 7, 2013, the Court of Appeal for the Third District denied the Writ of Mandate filed by Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley. In so doing the Court of Appeal concluded that an individual deemed to be a "sexually violent predator" (SVP) can be released as a transient in Santa Barbara County. In their 21-page opinion the Court of Appeal ruled, "There is nothing in the SVPA that precludes a court from ordering the conditional release of a person committed as an SVP even though no fixed residence has been located for the person before his release." The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office will now file a second Petition for Review to the California Supreme Court in a final attempt to prevent Tibor Karsai from being released as a transient into Santa Barbara County. In addition, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney will once again be filing a stay to stop Mr. Karsai's release while the matter is pending before the Supreme Court.

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