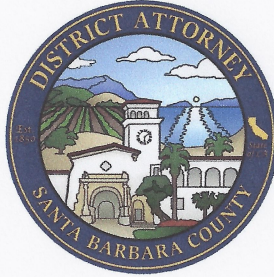


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Re: *People v. Tony DeNunzio*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that the District Attorney's Office will re-try Mr. DeNunzio for violating California Vehicle Code section 23152(a) (driving under the influence of alcohol).

Dudley stated, "Although members of our community disagree regarding the events that occurred during the arrest of Mr. DeNunzio—some believing he unlawfully resisted arrest, while others believing he was the victim of excessive force—that issue, although significant in its own right, does not control the issue of whether Mr. DeNunzio was driving under the influence. Clearly, the crime of driving under the influence can destroy lives and those who do drive under the influence should be held accountable. Therefore, given the present state of the evidence in this case, I believe it is our responsibility to re-try this defendant."

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