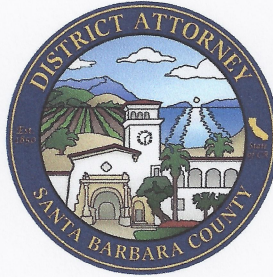


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**California Supreme Court Denies District Attorney's Petition to
Prevent the Release of Tibor Karsai into Santa Barbara County as a Transient**

Today District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced the following:

Since April 16, 2012, the Placer County Superior Court has sought to release adjudicated Sexually Violent Predator, Tibor Karsai, into Santa Barbara County. As soon as our office discovered this action we appealed the order to the 3rd District Court of Appeals and twice to the California Supreme Court. (Our most recent Petition is attached to this press release.)

On March 20, 2013, the California Supreme Court denied our second Petition for Review, therefore condoning the release of Tibor Karsai into Santa Barbara County as a "transient." The District Attorney's Office has now done everything it could to prevent Karsai's release as a "transient." Our goal all along has been to protect the community and prevent Karsai from re-offending. Now that the legal process has been concluded, it is expected that Karsai will be released in approximately two weeks. Liberty Healthcare Corporation, a contractor designated by the California Department of Mental Health's Conditional Release Program, will be responsible for monitoring Karsai.

In response to this final decision, District Attorney Dudley stated: "Several weeks ago, in anticipation of this potential ruling, I contacted Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian seeking a legislative change to this law which allows sexually violent predators to be released as transients. Once again Assemblyman Achadjian has agreed to work with our office in our collective goal to increase public safety."

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