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Office of Traffic Safety Awards \$539,631 Grant to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office for Specialized DUI Prosecution Team

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that it has received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to support a specialized prosecution team that handles alcohol and drug impaired driving cases. The grant program runs through September 2025.

"The ongoing support from the Office of Traffic Safety has been invaluable in our efforts to hold impaired drivers accountable and enhance public safety on our roads," said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. "This grant enables our DUI Unit to work closely with law enforcement and other agencies, ensuring that every DUI case is handled with the highest level of expertise. We remain committed to reducing impaired driving incidents and protecting the well-being of our Ventura County community."



The specialized prosecution team will also partner with the statewide Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Training Program (TSRP) to train other prosecutors and investigators on best practices for handling and managing driving under the influence (DUI) cases.



This is the thirteenth year the District Attorney's Office has received funding from the OTS for a specialized DUI prosecution program. Last year, the DUI Unit filed 2,699 DUI cases, including 119 DUI drug cases and 17 DUI combined alcohol and drug cases.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.