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Fresno County District Attorney's Office Awarded DUI Prosecution Grant

Fresno, Calif. – The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will have a specialized prosecution team that handles alcohol and drug-impaired driving cases through a \$505,500 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

"Impaired driving is a persistent but preventable problem, particularly with drivers suspected of operating a vehicle under the influence of both alcohol and drugs," said Deputy District Attorney Steven Ueltzen. "The expansion of this program will allow our office to continue our efforts to hold accountable those individuals who make a selfish decision to drive impaired at the expense of the lives and well-being of others."

The specialized prosecution team will also partner with the statewide Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Training Program (TSRP) to provide training to other prosecutors and investigators, as well as collaborate with law enforcement agencies on best practices handling and managing driving under the influence (DUI) cases.

This is the eighteenth year that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has received funding from the OTS for a specialized DUI prosecution program. Last year, the prosecution team filed 148 DUI cases, including 18 DUI drug cases and 17 DUI combined alcohol and drug cases.

The grant program runs from Oct. 1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2022.

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



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