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**Shasta County Receives Felony DUI Prosecution Grant**

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The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has awarded the Shasta County District Attorney's Office with funding for a full-time prosecutor and investigator to prosecute felony DUIs that occur in Shasta County. The grant is entitled the Felony and Recidivist Vertical Prosecution and Youth Outreach Program.

This felony-prosecution team is designed to vertically prosecute felony DUI cases including repeat offenders, DUI with injury, and DUI cases involving a fatality. Vertical prosecution allows each case to be handled by the same prosecutorial team from beginning to end. The team will also prosecute misdemeanor DUIs that are associated with felony charges. The goal of this award and the team approach is to reduce DUI deaths and injuries in Shasta County, making Shasta County roadways safer for motorists and pedestrians.

The Shasta County District Attorney's Office has enjoyed great success in its prosecution of misdemeanor DUIs. Specifically, the office prosecuted over 1,400 misdemeanor DUIs during the past federal fiscal year (October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011) with a 96 percent conviction rate. Moreover, the office prosecuted 93 felony DUI cases with a conviction rate of 94 percent. The office is very proud of its conviction rates and hopes for continued success with this new award.

"This grant will allow Shasta County to be better able to go after the worst-of-the-worst DUI offenders," said OTS Director Christopher J. Murphy. "Residents going to work, shopping, or just returning home to family and friends will be safer on the roads."

Shasta County District Attorney Stephen Carlton remarked, “I am very proud of the dedication of our prosecutors in the fight against one of society’s deadliest problems”

The youth outreach portion of the grant will allow prosecutors to work with young people in local schools to discourage underage alcohol use. 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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