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Shasta County's Felony DUI Prosecution Grant Is Renewed

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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 Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program. This specialized team of a prosecutor and an investigator is designed to vertically prosecute alcohol and drug-impaired driving cases.

One prosecutor handling the case from start to finish is known as a vertical-prosecution system. This method of prosecuting cases is very effective, especially when there is a victim who has suffered a traumatic injury at the hands of an intoxicated driver. The team will also prosecute misdemeanor DUIs that are associated with felony charges. The goal of this award and this team approach is to reduce DUI deaths and injuries in Shasta County, making Shasta County's roadways safer for motorists and pedestrians.

The vertical-prosecution team will develop and implement a system for tracking and reporting all DUI case reviews, filings, and outcomes differentiating among alcohol-only cases, drug-only cases, and combinations cases, involving drugs and alcohol. The team will then report this data to OTS.

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.
