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Kern County District Attorney Awarded DUI Prosecution Grant

Bakersfield, California -- The Kern County District Attorney's Office received a \$585,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to fund a specialized prosecution team to handle alcohol and drug-impaired driving cases.

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer said, "Maintaining a team of prosecutors to combat impaired driving is essential to reducing crime and providing justice for victims impacted by this careless and criminal conduct."

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 twelfth year the Kern County District Attorney's Office has received funding from the OTS for a specialized (DUI) prosecution program. Last year, the prosecution team filed over 3,000 DUI cases, including over 300 DUI drug cases and nearly 100 combined alcohol and drug cases.

The grant program runs through September 2023.

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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