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## **Fresno County DA's Office Receives \$705,000 OTS Grant to Support Specialized DUI Prosecution Team**

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office announced today that it has received a \$705,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to support its specialized prosecution team dedicated to handling alcohol- and drug-impaired driving cases that result in major injuries or fatal crashes. The grant program runs through September 2026.

"We are grateful for this continued partnership with OTS, which allows us to hold impaired drivers accountable and keep our community safer," said Fresno County District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp. "Impaired driving remains a serious and persistent threat on our roadways, especially when individuals drive under the influence of both alcohol and drugs. This funding strengthens our ability to pursue justice for victims, improve roadway safety, and ensure these cases are handled with the highest level of expertise."

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

This is the 22nd consecutive year the office has received OTS funding for its specialized DUI prosecution program. Last year, the prosecution team filed 221 DUI cases, including 14 DUI drug cases and 12 DUI combined alcohol-and-drug cases. Sixteen of those cases involved fatal crashes.

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