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Re: *September 21, 2016 "Canyon fire" Related Traffic Fatality Involving Ventura County Fire Personnel*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that no charges will be filed in connection with the traffic accident that claimed the life of Ventura County Firefighter Ryan Osler in the early morning hours of September 21, 2016.

Osler was the passenger in a tanker truck driven by Ventura County Firefighter Adam Price. The men were travelling east bound on Highway 246 en route to the Canyon Fire in Lompoc. Then, under dark and foggy conditions, the water tanker truck over-turned and rolled in the roundabout at Purisima Road.

After reviewing the investigation completed by the California Highway Patrol and their Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team, no evidence was found of criminal negligence sufficient to support any charges against Mr. Price.

District Attorney Dudley added, "This tragedy highlights the dangers our first responders willingly face every day. Their risk begins each time they report for duty and continues until they are safely home with their loved ones. I extend my deepest sympathy to Ryan Osler's family and loved ones, along with my heart-felt condolences to Adam Price, his loved ones, and all the women and men of the Ventura County Fire Department."

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