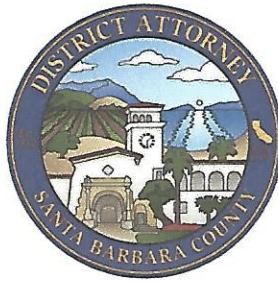


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Re: *Arraignment of Plains All American Pipeline, et al., on Criminal Charges Resulting from the Refugio Oil Spill, May 2015.*

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that the arraignment on the Grand Jury Criminal Indictment for Plains All American Pipeline and Plains employee James Buchanan, was continued at the request of the defense attorneys to June 30, 2016, in Department 6, of the Santa Barbara Superior Court.

The Court further ruled that the first portion of the Indictment, listing forty-six (46) criminal charges, can be released to the public.

Plains filed two motions asking the Court to not release any of the transcripts of the Grand Jury proceedings, including all pleadings and exhibits, and to seal a portion of the Indictment. The People filed an objection to these filings. The People's initial objection was based upon the untimeliness of Plains' motions. The People also sought to receive at least the minimum amount of time as provided by statute in which to file a substantive opposition. These motions will be heard on June 16, 2016, in Department 6, of the Santa Barbara Superior Court.

This case stems from an incident occurring on May 19, 2015, as widely reported in the media at the time, when a 24-inch subterranean oil pipeline, commonly referred to as Line 901, ruptured. The rupture caused the release of raw crude oil from the pipeline, which then surged down a culvert under the U.S. Highway 101 and into the Pacific Ocean off the Goleta coastline near Refugio State Beach. Approximately 140,000 gallons of crude petroleum were released into the environment and the spill plume reached nearly nine miles out into the Pacific Ocean. Petroleum related to this release has been located throughout the Santa Barbara County coastline, as well as over 100 miles south in Manhattan Beach and Long Beach in Los Angeles County, and even as far as Orange County.

A copy of the released portion of the Indictment filed against Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., and employee James Buchanan, Environmental & Regulatory Compliance Specialist, is attached.

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