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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **DUI WITH INJURY CHARGES FILED AGAINST PAUL PELOSI BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

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Today, the Napa County District Attorney's Office issued a criminal complaint, filing charges against Paul Pelosi based upon an automobile collision and driving under the influence arrest on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The collision occurred on State Route 29 and Oakville Cross Road at 10:17 pm. A blood sample was taken from Mr. Pelosi at 12:32 am, and sent to the California Department of Justice for testing. Mr. Pelosi's blood sample had a .082% blood alcohol content.

The charges filed today include Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Causing Injury and Driving With .08% Blood Alcohol Level or Higher Causing Injury. Under California law, these charges can be filed as a misdemeanor or felony. Based upon the extent of the injuries suffered by the victim, the District Attorney filed misdemeanor charges. This decision is consistent with how our office handles these cases with similar injuries.

The punishment for driving under the influence causing injury as a misdemeanor is set by California law. It includes up to five years of probation, a minimum of five days in jail, installation of an ignition interlock device, fines and fees, completion of a court ordered drinking driver class, and other terms as appropriate. Mr. Pelosi was released from custody upon his promise to appear for an arraignment in Napa County Superior Court on August 3, 2022. The court date was selected by the Napa County Department of Corrections at the time of Mr. Pelosi's release.

The survivor in this matter has exercised his rights under the California Constitution Article 1, section 28(b) as amended by "Marsy's Law" to be treated with fairness and respect for his privacy and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse throughout the criminal process. We ask that all members of the media honor the exercise of his right.

Evidence in a filed criminal case, including but not limited to: witness testimony, medical diagnoses, photographs, and body/dashboard camera video are properly presented to a court or a jury. The District Attorney's Office cannot ethically release these items to the public under the California Rules of Professional Conduct. Prosecutors in California are specifically prohibited from making any public disclosure that will or could prejudice the defendant's ability to secure a fair trial. An attorney who violates the Rules of Professional Conduct is subject to private or public reprimand, suspension or disbarment.

We are not permitted to try cases in the court of public opinion; rather, we litigate them in a court of proper jurisdiction. These rules protect the constitutional right to a fair trial enshrined in the Sixth Amendment of the United States Constitution. The Napa County District Attorney's Office scrupulously follows these rules for all pending criminal cases; this matter is no exception. Therefore, this is the extent of information that our office will provide to the public regarding the arrest of Mr. Pelosi outside of a criminal courtroom or in filed documents with the court.

The media and the public have a right to know what occurs in a criminal case. As such, they have full and free access to our courts. Questions of access to the Napa Superior Court are answered here: [www.napa.courts.ca.gov](http://www.napa.courts.ca.gov) Questions of access to any booking photograph is within the purview of the Napa County Department of Corrections.

Any questions regarding this case may be directed to Assistant District Attorney Paul Gero.