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PRESS RELEASE

PAUL PELOSI TO BE ARRAIGNED ON DUI WITH INJURY CHARGES ON AUGUST 3, 2022 IN NAPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

On Wednesday, August 3, 2022, Paul Pelosi is scheduled to be arraigned in Napa County Superior Court on charges filed by the Napa County District Attorney's Office based upon an automobile collision and driving under the influence arrest on May 28th, 2022. Those charges include Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Causing Injury and Driving With .08% Blood Alcohol Level or Higher Causing Injury. The matter is scheduled to be heard in Department 3 at 8:30 am.

Under California Penal Code section 977, a defendant can appear through their attorney on a DUI misdemeanor case and does not have to be present in the courtroom unless ordered by a judicial officer. At this time, Mr. Pelosi has not been ordered by the court to personally appear at the arraignment and he may choose to appear through his defense counsel.

At an arraignment, a judicial officer typically informs the defendant of the crimes charged. The formal reading of the Complaint can be waived by the defendant and/or defense counsel. The judicial officer also confirms that the defendant is charged with the true and correct name. At that time, the defendant or defense counsel often enters a plea of "Not Guilty" and the case is continued to another date for a change of plea or setting of a jury trial. In a misdemeanor case in which the defendant is out of custody, the defendant has the right to a jury trial within 45 days although that deadline can be waived.

It is within the purview of the judicial officer to decide whether cameras are allowed in the courtroom. According to local rules, no standing is allowed, and seating is first come/first served. Consistent with the normal calendar, the arraignment will be broadcast via Zoom. Questions of remote court access to the Napa County Superior Court are answered here: www.napa.courts.ca.gov.

The Napa County District Attorney's Office will issue a press release after the arraignment. Any questions regarding this case may be directed to Assistant District Attorney Paul Gero.