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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ~~BY~~ _____, Deputy

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)

Case No.: 4MP00831

Plaintiff,)

**THE PEOPLES OPPOSITION TO
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS
BECAUSE OF MULTIPLE
PROSECUTIONS; MEMORANDUM OF
POINTS AND AUTHORITIES.**

vs.)

WALTER MORALES)

Defendant)

DATE: June 2, 2014
TIME: 8:30 am,
DIV: Dept. 74


TO DEFENDANT AND HIS ATTORNEY OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 2, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in Department Dept. 74 of the Metropolitan Courthouse, at 1945 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90007, the People will ask the court to hear this Motion.

1 This motion is based on the Opposition, the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities,
2 and such additional evidence and argument as may be presented at the hearing of this motion.

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4 DATE: May 29, 2014

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27 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

28 **I.**

1 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

2 **I.**

3 **SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT**

4 It is wholly appropriate, in view of a proper application of *Kellett v. Superior Court*, (1966) 63
5 Cal.2d 822 and its progeny, and Penal Code § 654, to conduct separate prosecutions for driving under
6 the influence in violation of Vehicle Code §§ 23152 (a) and (b), and for the Vehicle Code infractions.

7 Specifically, the present prosecution should be allowed to proceed because (1) the prosecution
8 was not involved with the proceedings for the infractions, (2) there is no evidence in the record that the
9 prosecution seeks to intentionally harass Defendant with the filing of the misdemeanor charges for
10 driving under the influence, (3) the evidence needed to prove the infractions does not supply proof of
11 driving under the influence of alcohol, (4) the infractions and driving under the influence are not
12 included within each other, (5) the evidentiary pictures which have to be painted for the infractions and
13 driving under the influence are sufficiently distinct, (6) the infractions and driving under the influence
14 are not interrelated, (7) any potential harassment faced by the defendant is minimal when compared to
15 the state’s substantial interest in maintaining the summary nature of minor vehicle code proceedings,
16 and, (8) the disparity in gravity between the infractions and driving under the influence also supports the
17 successive prosecution.

18 **II.**

19 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

20 On November 6, 2013, at approximately 2:50 a.m., the defendant, later identified by his valid
21 California driver’s license as Walter Morales (“Defendant”), was driving a black sedan northbound on
22 the I-110 freeway in the County of Los Angeles when he was pulled over for driving at a speed of 88
23 MPH, 23 miles over the speed limit of 65 MPH, by Officers R. Bell and B. Kinsey of the California
24 Highway Patrol (“CHP”).

25 Defendant exited the freeway at El Segundo Boulevard and stopped his vehicle west of Figueroa
26 Street. Officer Kinsey contacted the Defendant through an open driver side window and explained the
27 reason for the stop. Defendant initially claimed that he was speeding to a hospital where his sister was
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1 having a baby. Subsequently however, Defendant revised his account and stated that he needed to pick
2 up his brother before going to the hospital.

3 Both Officer Kinsey, and his partner Officer Bell, smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage
4 emitting from Defendant's vehicle. When asked, Defendant denied consuming any alcohol himself,
5 stating instead that that his passenger had done so. Officer Bell instructed Defendant to exit the vehicle,
6 and Officer Kinsey asked Defendant a series of pre-field sobriety test questions. While speaking with
7 Defendant, Officer Kinsey continued to smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage from Defendant's
8 breath and person, and observed Defendant's eyes to be watery. When Officer Kinsey repeated his
9 question regarding consuming alcoholic beverages, Defendant revised his account and admitted to
10 drinking two beers with dinner.

11 Officer Kinsey explained and demonstrated a series of field sobriety tests, which Defendant
12 acknowledged he understood. However, Defendant was unable to perform the field sobriety tests as
13 explained and demonstrated.

14 Based upon his observations of Defendant's driving, objective signs and symptoms of alcohol
15 intoxication, performance on the field sobriety tests, and admission to drinking alcohol and then driving,
16 Officer Kinsey formed the opinion that Defendant was driving under the influence of alcohol in
17 violation of California Vehicle Code § 23152 (a).

18 Officer Kinsey placed Defendant under arrest at 3:25 a.m., and advised him of implied consent.
19 Defendant did not choose a test. Defendant was then transported from the scene to the CHP South Los
20 Angeles Area Office where he refused to submit to any alcohol testing. Defendant was then transported
21 to, and booked at, LASD IRC station.

22 Officer Bell also issued Defendant Traffic Citation No. 54593SB for three Vehicle Code
23 infractions, to wit, violations of Vehicle Code §§ 22349 (a), 16028 (a), and 26708 (a)(1), for exceeding
24 65 MPH, for not having proof of insurance, and, for having tinted front windows, respectively. Officer
25 Kinsey also wrote Police Report No. 201303554 detailing the facts of his investigation of Defendant,
26 including his observations of Defendant.

27 On April 11, 2014, The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office filed a misdemeanor complaint
28 against the defendant, alleging violations of Vehicle Code §§ 23152 (a) and 23152 (b). Defendant was

1 arraigned on the matter on April 11, 2014. Currently, the trial date is set as June 10, 2014 in Department
2 74.

3 On May 12, 2014, Mr. Geoffrey Ojo, counsel for Defendant, filed this Motion to Dismiss
4 Multiple Prosecutions. In its motion, the defense argues that, pursuant to Penal Code § 654, and *Kellett*
5 *v. Superior Court*, (1966) 63 Cal.2d 822, the payment of a fine of \$639, for Traffic Citation No.
6 54593SB for the speeding violation (Vehicle Code § 22349 (a)), bars prosecution on the present
7 misdemeanor prosecution in case 4MP00831.

8 **III.**

9 **PENAL CODE § 654 AND THE RULE OF**
10 **KELLETT V. SUPERIOR COURT (1966) 63 CAL.2d 822**

11 The defense bases its arguments upon Penal Code § 654 and *Kellett v. Superior Court*, (1966) 63
12 Cal.2d 822, and contends that, because the same course of conduct played a significant part in all the
13 offenses, and because the prosecution should have been aware of all the offenses, the prosecution's
14 alleged failure to unite all the offenses results in a bar to the subject misdemeanor prosecution.

15 The defense's reliance on Penal Code § 654 and *Kellett* is misplaced because it misinterprets the
16 *Kellett* court's ruling, and because it ignores subsequent case law.

17 **A. KELLETT'S PROSCRIPTION AGAINST SUCCESSIVE PROSECUTIONS IS NOT**
18 **APPLICABLE BECAUSE THE PROSECUTION WAS NOT AWARE OF THE**
19 **TRAFFIC PROCEEDING**

20 In *Kellett*, the defendant was arrested while brandishing a pistol on a public sidewalk. On that
21 same day, the defendant was charged with exhibiting a firearm in a threatening manner, a misdemeanor.
22 A month later, in a second proceeding, dating from the same disturbance and involving the same
23 firearm, the defendant was charged with felony possession of a firearm.

24 The defendant pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge, and brought a motion to dismiss the
25 felony weapons charge as barred by Penal Code § 654. The trial court denied the motion and the
26 defendant sought a writ of prohibition to prevent trial on the felony charge. The defendant contended
27 that because exhibiting and possessing the pistol constituted a single act, his felony prosecution for
28 possession of a firearm was barred by the misdemeanor conviction for exhibiting a firearm in a
threatening manner.

1 The *Kellett* court, in view of Penal Code § 654, held that a misdemeanor conviction will
2 generally bar a felony prosecution based on the same act or course of conduct even when the crimes are
3 prosecuted by different public law offices. Specifically, the *Kellett* court stated that “[w]hen, as here,
4 the prosecution is or should be aware of more than one offense in which the same act or course of
5 conduct plays a significant part, all such offenses must be prosecuted in a single proceeding unless
6 joinder is prohibited or severance permitted for good cause.” (*Kellett, supra*, 63 Cal.2d at p. 827.)

7 “The reference in *Kellett* to situations in which ‘the prosecution is . . . aware of more than one
8 offense’ applies, however, only to intentional harassment, i.e., to cases in which a particular prosecutor
9 has timely knowledge of two offenses but allows the multiple prosecution to proceed. For example, in
10 *In re Benny G.* (1972) 24 Cal.App.3d 371 [101 Cal.Rptr. 28], a probation officer filed a robbery charge
11 against a juvenile. When the allegations were found untrue, the same officer charged that the juvenile
12 had been an accessory to the robbery. The Court of Appeal held that the latter allegation was barred by
13 the minor's exoneration on the robbery charge.” (*In re Dennis B.*, (1976) 18 Cal.3d 687, 693)(emphasis
14 added.)

15 In *Kellett*, it was significant and undisputed that the same prosecutor had knowledge of both
16 proceedings, and was in fact present, when the defendant entered his plea on the misdemeanor offense.
17 “In contrast, in the present case there is no evidence that a particular prosecutor actually knew of both
18 offenses in time to prevent a multiplicity of proceedings.” (*Id.*)

19 In examining the prosecution’s involvement in the traffic case, the *Dennis B.* court stated that
20 “[o]ur task then is to ascertain whether the prosecution [knew or] should have known of the two
21 offenses. . . .” (*Id.* at p. 694.) The prosecution “played a limited role in the prosecution of routine traffic
22 offenses. . . .” (*Id.* at p. 693.) “[T]he police officer who issued the citation conducted the necessary
23 investigation, arranged for witnesses to appear, and testified no [prosecutor] appeared for the
24 People.” (*Id.* at p. 694.) The prosecutor for the People merely issued subpoenas as requested by the
25 officer and signed wholesale stipulations accepting judges pro tempore. (*Id.*) On those facts, the *Dennis*
26 *B.* court held the proscription against successive prosecutions to be inapplicable because the
27 circumstances were not such that the prosecution was aware or should have been aware of the traffic
28 proceeding. (*Id.* at pp. 692-693, 696.)

1 The facts in the present case are more analogous to *Dennis B.* than to *Kellett* in that the
2 prosecution did not press charges for the infractions, the prosecution was not aware of the proceedings
3 for the infractions, and indeed no prosecutor appeared for the People when Defendant paid the fine of
4 \$639 for Traffic Citation No. 54593SB. Because, on those facts, it can be concluded that the
5 prosecution did not perpetrate any “intentional harassment,” the prosecution is not barred from
6 prosecuting Defendant for driving under the influence of alcohol.

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8 B. KELLETT’S PROSCRIPTION AGAINST SUCCESSIVE PROSECUTIONS IS NOT
9 APPLICABLE BECAUSE ONE OF THE OFFENSES IS AN INFRACTION

10 In *People v. Battle*, 50 Cal.App.3d Supp. 1, the defendant pled guilty to a violation of Vehicle
11 Code 26453, an infraction, which was based on a vehicular accident that killed three people. The
12 defendant was subsequently charged with three misdemeanor violations of Penal Code §192 (3) (b).
13 The charges were dismissed by the trial court for a violation of double jeopardy. The Appellate
14 Department reversed the decision holding that the rule protecting a defendant from successive
15 prosecutions for “closely related crimes” was not applicable to preclude defendant’s misdemeanor
16 prosecution, where, at the time defendant pleaded to the infraction charge he, as well as the court, were
17 aware of the prosecutor’s intention to investigate the possibility of bringing manslaughter charges.

18 The *Battle* court found that the *Kellett* rule was not applicable where an infraction as opposed to
19 a misdemeanor or felony was one of the offenses involved.” (*Battle, supra*, 50 Cal.App.3d Supp. at p.
20 5.) As explained by the *Dennis B.* court, “the state’s substantial interest in maintaining the summary
21 nature of minor motor vehicle violation proceedings would be impaired by requiring the prosecution to
22 ascertain for each infraction the possibility of further criminal proceedings. The chief reason for
23 classifying some prohibited acts as infractions is to facilitate their swift disposition.” (*In re Dennis B.*
24 18 Cal.3d 687 at 695 (citing *Battle, supra*, 50 Cal.App.3d Supp. at p. 7).)

25 *Kellett* was concerned with the protection of defendant from successive prosecution for closely
26 related crimes. It was concerned not with infractions and misdemeanors, but with felonies and
27 misdemeanors. (*Kellett, supra*, 63 Cal.2d at p. 828.) In holding that a plea to an infraction should not
28 bar prosecution for manslaughter, the Appellate Department in *Battle* stated that “[t]o do otherwise
would fly in the face of the legislative adjuration to construe statutory provisions ‘according to the fair

1 import of their terms, with a view to effect its objects and to promote justice.” (*Battle, supra*, 50
2 Cal.App.3d Supp. at p. 7.)

3 To permit the defendant in the instant matter to be prosecuted only for a Vehicle Code infraction
4 rather than a misdemeanor would operate with gross unfairness to the state. The minimal potential for
5 harassment and waste caused by present prosecution is outweighed by the state’s interests in preserving
6 the summary nature of traffic proceedings, and, insuring that a defendant charged with a misdemeanor
7 does not evade appropriate disposition.

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9 C. KELLETT’S PROSCRIPTION AGAINST SUCCESSIVE PROSECUTIONS IS NOT
10 APPLICABLE BECAUSE THE EVIDENCE NEEDED TO PROVE THE VEHICLE
11 CODE INFRACTIONS DOES NOT NECESSARITY SUPPLY PROOF OF
12 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL

13 In *People v. Flint* (1975) 51 Cal.App.3d 333, the court attempted to give practical meaning to the
14 interpretation of Penal Code § 654 as set forth in *Kellett*. *Flint* established an evidentiary test as a guide
15 to determining whether the *Kellett* criterion (whether the same act or course of conduct plays a
16 significant part with respect to each crime) is met.

17 *Flint* stated that “[w]hat matters . . . is the totality of the facts, examined in light of the
18 legislative goals of sections 654 and 954, as explained in *Kellett*.” (*Flint, supra*, 51 Cal.App.3d at p.
19 336.) “More specifically, if the evidence needed to prove one offense necessarily supplies proof of the
20 other, we concluded that the two offenses must be prosecuted together, in the interests of preventing
21 needless harassment and waste of public funds.” (*People v. Hurtado*, (1977) 67 Cal.App.3d 633, 636
22 (quoting *Flint, supra*, 51 Cal.App.3d at pp. 336, 338).)

23 Here, the evidence needed to prove (1) that Defendant drove at a speed in excess of 65 MPH in
24 violation of Vehicle Code § 22349 (a), (2) that Defendant did not have proof of insurance in violation of
25 Vehicle Code 16028 (a), or (3) that the windows of Defendants car were tinted in violation of Vehicle
26 Code § 26708 (a) (1), clearly does not supply proof that the Defendant was driving while under the
27 driving under the influence of alcohol in violation of Vehicle Code §§ 23152 (a) and 23152 (b).
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2 D. KELLETT’S PROSCRIPTION AGAINST SUCCESSIVE PROSECUTIONS IS NOT
3 APPLICABLE BECAUSE THE VEHICLE CODE INFRACTIONS AND DRIVING
4 UNDER THE INFLUENCE ARE SEPARATE OFFENSES WHICH ARE NOT
5 NECESSARILY INCLUDED WITHIN EACH OTHER

6 In *In re Dennis B.*, a minor who struck a motorcyclist was convicted in a juvenile court
7 proceeding of an unsafe lane change and was fined \$10. Three weeks later, he was charged with
8 vehicular manslaughter based on the same conduct. The court rejected the minor's argument that the
9 manslaughter prosecution violated *Kellett* and Penal Code § 654, even though the prior traffic infraction
10 arose from the same incident. Specifically, the *Dennis B.* court stated that “[a]pplying this standard to
11 the facts presented herein, we conclude that the double jeopardy prohibition has not been violated. The
12 traffic violation and the vehicular manslaughter are separate offenses not necessarily included within
13 each other: obviously one may violate Vehicle Code section 21658 without committing vehicular
14 manslaughter, and vice versa.” (*In re Dennis B.*, *supra*, 18 Cal.3d at p. 692.)

15 Indeed, it is obvious (1) that one may drive at a speed in excess of 65 MPH in violation of
16 Vehicle Code § 22349 (a), (2) that one may not have proof of insurance in violation of Vehicle Code
17 16028 (a), and (3) that the windows of one’s car may be tinted in violation of Vehicle Code § 26708 (a)
18 (1), without driving under the influence of alcohol in violation of Vehicle Code §§ 23152 (a) and 23152
19 (b), and vice versa.

20 E. KELLETT’S PROSCRIPTION AGAINST SUCCESSIVE PROSECUTIONS IS NOT
21 APPLICABLE BECAUSE THE EVIDENTIARY PICTURES WHICH HAVE TO BE
22 PAINTED TO PROVE THE THREE VEHICLE CODE INFRACTIONS AND
23 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ARE SUFFICIENTLY DISTINCT

24 In *Hurtado*, the defendant was stopped for drunk driving and failed the field sobriety tests. As
25 defendant was being handcuffed, the officer noticed that he took an object from his jacket and placed it
26 between his legs. The object was a cigarette package containing 20 balloons filled with heroin. Two
27 prosecutions were initiated: one for drunk driving and the other for possession of heroin. Defendant
28 pleaded guilty to the drunk driving offense and was sentenced, and the trial court denied his motion to
dismiss the heroin charge based on *Kellett*. (*Hurtado*, *supra*, 67 Cal.App.3d. at pp. 635-636.)

1 The *Hurtado* court held that the defendant was not subject to multiple prosecutions pursuant to
2 *Kellett* and Penal Code § 654: “Examining this case in light of *Flint* we find that the evidentiary
3 pictures which had to be painted to prove the drunk driving and narcotics offenses were sufficiently
4 distinct so as to permit separate prosecutions of the two offenses. Proof of the drunk driving charge was
5 supplied primarily by the observations of the highway patrol officers made after defendant was stopped
6 and given certain sobriety tests. Proof of the heroin charges hinged upon the discovery of the cigarette
7 package filled with heroin, which occurred after the arrest for drunk driving had been made. Evidence
8 in the two cases, was for the most part mutually exclusive, the only common ground being the fact that
9 defendant was in the moving automobile in possession of the heroin at the same time that he was under
10 the influence of alcohol. Such a trivial overlap of the evidence, however, under *Kellett* and *Flint* does
11 not mandate the joinder of these cases.” (*Hurtado, supra*, 67 Cal.App.3d at pp. 636-637.)

12 Just as in *Hurtado*, proof of the drunk driving charge was supplied primarily by the observations
13 made by California Highway Patrol Officers Kinsey and Bell after Defendant was stopped and given
14 three field sobriety tests, to wit, the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, the Rhomberg test, and the One
15 Leg Stand test. Both Officers smelled an odor of alcohol emanating from Defendant’s vehicle. Further,
16 there was only a “trivial overlap” between the evidence of the three infractions and driving under the
17 influence, with the only common ground being the fact that defendant was in the moving automobile at
18 the same time that he was under the influence of alcohol.

19 Thus, because joinder of the cases was not mandated by *Kellett* and *Flint*, the present prosecution
20 for driving under the influence of alcohol is not proscribed by *Kellett*, and should be allowed to proceed.

21 F. KELLETT’S PROSCRIPTION AGAINST SUCCESSIVE PROSECUTIONS IS NOT
22 APPLICABLE BECAUSE THE THREE VEHICLE CODE INFRACTIONS AND
23 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ARE NOT INTERRELATED

24 In *Stackhouse v. Municipal Court*, (1976) 63 Cal.App.3d 243, the Court denied the defendant’s
25 motion under Penal Code § 654 finding that a defendant arrested for hit and run and possession of
26 marijuana could be separately prosecuted for both the marijuana citation and the misdemeanor hit and
27 run. The court in *Stackhouse* observed that the arrest report should have alerted the People to the
28 possibility of both complaints. The *Stackhouse* court nevertheless concluded that multiple prosecutions

1 were not improper because “[t]he elements of the Vehicle Code and marijuana offenses were not
2 interrelated.” (*Stackhouse, supra*, 63 Cal.App. at 247.)

3 The *Stackhouse* court, citing *Kellett*, went on to state that “the rule against multiple prosecutions
4 is inapplicable where, as here, such prosecutions occur because of the lack of a common prosecutor and
5 the risk of waste and harassment of multiple prosecutions is outweighed by the risk that a defendant
6 guilty of a felony will escape proper punishment.” (*Id.*)

7 Here, the elements of the Vehicle Code infractions and the misdemeanor offense of driving
8 under the influence are not interrelated. *Kellett’s* proscription against successive prosecutions is
9 therefore inapplicable, and the present prosecution should be allowed to proceed.

10 G. KELLETT’S PROSCRIPTION AGAINST SUCCESSIVE PROSECUTIONS IS NOT
11 APPLICABLE BECAUSE THE POTENTIAL HARASSMENT AND EXPENSE
12 FACED BY DEFENDANT IS MINIMAL

13 As amply demonstrated by the foregoing, the Vehicle Code infractions are separate and distinct
14 from the misdemeanor of driving under the influence of alcohol. However, even if the Court should find
15 a single one course of conduct within the meaning of Penal Code § 654, that finding standing alone,
16 would not compel dismissal, unless the outcome of the balancing test establishes that dismissal would
17 promote the dual purpose of Penal Code § 654 — to prevent harassment and to save both parties time
18 and resources.

19 The *Dennis B.* court recognized that one act resulted in both the usage lane change and the
20 vehicular manslaughter. The Court found that this fact was susceptible of discovery in time to avoid a
21 multiplicity problem. The fact that the prosecutor could have known of the multiplicity issue, however,
22 did not lead to the conclusion that it did know or should have known. The Court did not dismiss the
23 manslaughter charge after the defendant entered a plea to the unsafe lane change. The Court weighed
24 the potential harassment and expense faced by defendant against the state’s interest in prosecuting the
25 more serious case.

26 Justice Mosk, writing for the unanimous *Dennis B.* court, explained that “[t]he state’s substantial
27 interest in maintaining the summary nature of minor motor vehicle proceedings would be impaired by
28 requiring the prosecution to ascertain for each infraction the possibility of further criminal proceedings.
.” (*Dennis B., supra*, 18 Cal.3d at p. 695.) Justice Mosk noted the various procedural innovations that

1 had been implemented to further the interest in expedited proceedings, pointing in particular to "the use
2 of highway patrol officers ... to perform certain tasks for which deputy district or city attorneys are
3 usually required," and concluded that "[t]his type of flexibility benefits all parties: defendants gain a
4 swift and inexpensive disposition of their cases without risk of major penalties; and the prosecution, the
5 court system and ultimately the public benefit because judicial and law enforcement resources are freed
6 to concentrate on serious criminal behavior." (*Id.*)

7 In analyzing harassment to the defendant, the California Supreme Court has examined the
8 gravity between the two charged offenses. "When both offenses are serious crimes, the potential for
9 harassment and waste is sufficiently strong that section 654 imposes on prosecutors an administrative
10 duty to insure that the charges are joined." (*Id.*) Penal Code § 654 was designed to prevent harassment
11 and save litigation costs. A person faced with consecutive major criminal trials for the same alleged act
12 is likely to suffer unnecessary anxiety and expense whether his plight is caused by intentional
13 harassment or by an inadvertent failure to coordinate prosecutorial efforts

14 "However, when as in the present case, the original charge is merely a motor vehicle infraction,
15 the balance substantially shifts. The potential harassment and expense faced by a defendant so charged
16 is minimal: an infraction is not punishable by confinement (Pen. Code, § 19c), and generally no stigma
17 is attached thereto . . . Whatever anxiety a defendant charged consecutively with a minor traffic offense
18 and a felony or serious misdemeanor is likely to experience will result solely from the latter charge, not
19 from the multiplicity of prosecutions." (*Id. at pp. 694-955.*)

20 IV.

21 CONCLUSION

22 Based on foregoing, it is wholly appropriate, in view of a proper application of *Kellett* and Penal
23 Code § 654, to conduct separate prosecutions for driving under the influence in violations of Vehicle
24 Code §§ 23152 (a) and (b), and for the Vehicle Code infractions.


25 The prosecution was not involved with the proceedings for the infractions, there is no evidence
26 in the record that the prosecution seeks to intentionally harass Defendant with the filing of the
27 misdemeanor charges for driving under the influence, the evidence needed to prove the infractions does
28 not supply proof of driving under the influence of alcohol, the infractions and driving under the

1 influence are not included within each other, the evidentiary pictures which have to be painted for the
2 infractions and driving under the influence are sufficiently distinct, the infractions and driving under the
3 influence are not interrelated, any potential harassment faced by the defendant is minimal when
4 compared to the state's substantial interest in maintaining the summary nature of minor vehicle code
5 proceedings, and, the disparity in gravity between the infractions and driving under the influence also
6 supports the successive prosecution.

7 Based on the foregoing, Defendant's *Kellett* claim is without merit, and therefore, Defendant's
8 motion to dismiss should be denied.

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I, the undersigned, say: I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Los Angeles. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years old and not a party to the within action or proceeding. My business address is 1945 South Hill Street, Room 501, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

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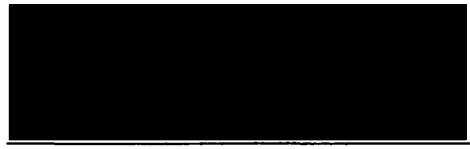
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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