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## **Restitution Hearing in Daniel and Diana Cohen Murder Case**

District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell announced today that a restitution hearing was held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 following Daniel and Diana Cohen's sentences to Life Without the Possibility of Parole. When they were arrested, Capitola Police Department Detectives and Officers located roughly \$26,000 in the Cohens' possession.

Judge Salazar ordered that the seized money be used to pay the Smith family restitution. Just over \$16,500 was designated to pay out of pocket expenses incurred by the Smith Family for costs related to closing Mr. Smith's business, attendance at several court hearings and other expenses. Based on evidence, tax returns, information about Mr. Smith's age and health and actuarial data, Judge Salazar awarded an additional \$686,854 in lost future support to the Smith family. The remaining amount of seized money will be used to toward that award. The District Attorney's Office will file the necessary documents to have the restitution order converted to a civil judgment in order to obtain any funds the Cohens might have in any bank accounts.

Celia Rowland, who prosecuted the case, was pleased with Judge Salazar's rulings. She noted that the order will cover all of their out-of-pocket expenses to date and serve to minimize the financial impact of Gordon's murder.