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The *L.A. Times* calls

Van Tran a

“Criminal Attorney”*

He wants to be called

Assemblyman.

* (Los Angeles Times, September 24, 1999)

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 WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
 Plaintiff,)
 v.)
 TRI MINH DAO, aka "Jimmy",)
 and ALLEN TU, aka "Mark",)
 Defendants.)

CASE NO. 96-312M

STIPULATION TO TRAIL PLAINTIFF'S
 APPLICATION TO CRIMINAL DUTY JUDGE
 FOR REVIEW OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S
 BAIL ORDER AND PROPOSED ORDER

Plaintiff, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through its attorney
 of record, John C. Rayburn, Jr., and Defendant TRI MINH DAO, aka
 "Jimmy", by and through his attorney of record, Sylvia Torres-Guillen,
 and Defendant ALLEN TU, aka "Mark", by and through his attorney of
 record, Van Thai Tran, hereby agree and stipulate as follows:
 1. the initial appearance in the above-captioned matter was
 calendared for January 2, 1997, at 10:00 A.M., to be heard by the
 Honorable Gary L. Taylor
 application was filed by
 of the same was received
 24, 1996.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SOUTHERN DIVISION

VINCENT COX,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 COUNTY OF ORANGE, ORANGE
 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, C.
 CEJKA, and DOES 1 through 10,
 inclusive,
 Defendants.

Case No.:
 SACV 00-1017 GLT (AM)

1. CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION
 (FEDERAL AND STATE)
 2. ASSAULT/BATTERY
 3. FALSE IMPRISONMENT

42 USC §1983

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COMES NOW VINCENT COX, individually, and for his causes of
 action against Defendants COUNTY OF ORANGE, ORANGE COUNTY
 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, and C. CEJKA, and Does 1 to 10 (all
 Defendants in the entire action are collectively referred to as
 the "Defendants" unless otherwise stated), allege as follows:
 JURISDICTION
 1. The Federal District Court has federal question
 jurisdiction of this matter under 15 U.S.C. Section 1331 and
 civil rights jurisdiction under Section 1343, pursuant
 to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and more fully appears.

Tom Tang, Hong Tang and the Estate of Tuan Tang v. City of Westminster, No. SACV 99-358 GLT

Verdict Date: 07/06/2001

Topic: Police as Defendant - Negligence, Arrestee Dies While in Custody

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Result: DEFENSE VERDICT. 9-0

Note: The defense reports that the cost bill of \$ 68,000 was awarded to the City of Westminster and OCFA. The plaintiffs' motion for new trial was denied on August 27, 2001. The plaintiffs have filed an appeal.

The plaintiff reports that the court excluded nearly all autopsy photographs including those showing the extensive subdural bleeding in the chest and stomach, the severe blunt force injury to his head and the internal bleeding and blunt force trauma to the spine in both the neck and the back. Further, the court limited the plaintiffs to 22 hours and 50 minutes to force their entire case, including two dozen witnesses. The plaintiffs did not have sufficient time to develop all the contradictions in the police testimony; particularly regarding the present the contradictions in the police testimony after the seizures began. The jurors indicated that a determinative factor was that the police jailer was Vietnamese, as was the decedent allegedly speaking at the police station after the seizures began. The decedent, and that the jailer testified that the decedent spoke several times after the alleged abuse by the police, which was inconsistent with seizures. Over the plaintiff's objection, the court instructed the jury that the state standard for police withholding medical care is "gross negligence even though it is expressly ordinary negligence by statute under Government Code 845.6.

Disbursement: Award Total: \$ 0

Injury: Injuries: Death of 19-year-old male; survived by his parents.
 Damages: \$ 15,000 for funeral and burial expenses.
 Specials:
 Medical to date \$ 50,000. Other \$ 200,000 for loss of income to family.

State: California
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Lawyer Van Thai Tran. Not for Us. Not for the Assembly.

LAWYER VAN THAI TRAN makes a good living defending criminals and suing people.

But now he wants to make a career change — to become our Assemblyman in Sacramento!

Tran is running hard — with lots of money from the San Francisco Bay Area — to be, in his own words, “the first Vietnamese elected to the State Legislature.”

If he wins, Van will also be the first “criminal attorney” elected by Republicans,

Van Thai Tran Sues the Police for \$10 Million

Tran sued the Westminister Police for \$10 Million in 2001. Tran claimed his client — drug addict Tuan Thanh Tang — had his civil rights violated and was the victim of excessive force and wrongful death.

A jury slapped down Van Tran on a 9-0 verdict. Even though he lost the case, Tran’s actions cost Westminister taxpayers thousands of dollars in costs of defending their police department against the charge the jury rejected outright. (source: official court records)

Van Thai Tran sues the Sheriff for \$1.5 Million

The Tuan Thanh Tang case was not the first time Tran sued local law enforcement.

In 1997, Van Tran sued the Orange County Sheriffs Department, claiming they violated his clients “civil rights.” A year after he filed the case, Tran was fired by his client. (source: official court records)

Van Thai Tran Defends Gun Trafficker

In 1997, lawyer Van Tran tried to get his client – Allen Tu, an accused gun trafficker, out on bail. Tran went

to federal court and argued that the “pistol, ski mask and bullet proof vest” police found at Tu’s home were “obtained for legitimate purposes” and should not be used to deny his client bail.

Only lawyers like Van Tran could argue – with a straight face – that a ski mask, pistol and bullet proof vest are “legitimate.”

A Federal Court disagreed with Tran. His dangerous client was eventually convicted of possessing and selling machine guns and other illegal firearms. (source: official court records)

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