SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF

Plaintiff and

Respondent,

vs.

BILLINGS,

Defendant and

Appellant.

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APPELLATE DIVISION

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

CASE NO. 30-2010-00408532

JUDGMENT ON APPEAL from the

SUPERIOR COURT

of

ORANGE COUNTY

HARBOR JUSTICE CENTER

HON. MAX DE LIEMA COMMISSIONER

The city prosecutor has acknowledged that until May 2, 2011, he did not possess formal prosecutorial authority via the consent of the District Attorney. (Government Code § 41803.5(a).) In the absence of proper authority for prosecution of the case, the trial court lacked jurisdiction to adjudicate the matter. (People v. Municipal Court for Ventura Judicial Dist. (Pellegrino) (1972) 27 Cal.App.3d 193, 206; see also Menveg v. Municipal Court of Los Angeles Judicial Dist. (1964) 226 Cal.App.2d 569.)

The judgment is reversed, with direction that the charge be dismissed. Appellant's motion to strike is denied as moot.

ROBERT C. GANNON, JR., Presiding Judge