Ehrlichman Case in L.A. Dropped

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Los Angeles county District Attorney Joseph Busch decided yesterday to drop the prosecution of former presidential adviser John D. Ehrlichman on charges that he lied to the Los Angeles county grand jury about the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

In explanation of his decision to dismiss the perjury charge against the onetime top domestic affairs aide to former President Nixon, Busch said:

"I feel that it is in the best interest of justice and tax-payers' money not to go forward with the trial here in view of Ehrlichman's conviction and sentencing in two Washington, D.C., cases."

Ehrlichman has been convicted in connection with the Ellsberg break-in and the Watergate coverup.

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