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Insomniac Events CEO Pasquale Rotella Cleared Of All Felony Charges

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Insomniac Events CEO Pasquale Rotella attends the SoundCTRL 5th annual FlashFWD awards on May 14, 2014 (Photo : Eugene Gologursky/Getty Image)

Insomniac Events CEO **Pasquale Rotella** can breathe a sigh of relief. Over the past six years he has been fighting a slew of felony charges from the Los Angeles County District Attorney office. Slowly some of those charges had been dropped over the past few years, but late last week, the final batch of felony bribery, embezzlement and conspiracy charges were dropped by the DA.

"I always knew the charges were politically motivated and publicity driven," Rotella said in an email statement. "While it's taken too long to finally put this behind me, I can now focus my energy where it belongs: my family and my company. Thank you to everyone who has supported me through this."

Rotella was accused of giving about \$2 million in kickbacks to the event manager at the LA Coliseum, where **Electric Daisy Carnival** was held for a time until 2010, when a 15 year-old died at the festival. That was the same year the charges were filed against Rotella. The next year, the festival moved to its current home at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

"I am so pleased that all of the charges in the grand jury indictment against Mr. Rotella have now been dismissed," says his lawyer Gary Jay Kaufman in an email statement. "We have maintained from day one that Mr. Rotella is innocent, and today's dismissal finally confirms this. I am elated for Mr. Rotella and his family."

Rotella had all of his felony charges dropped, but he did plea no content to a single count of conflict of interest. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, he will serve three years of probation and pay LA County \$150,000.



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