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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Danise Marie McFadden

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Danise McFadden, 38, of Modesto was convicted of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter Monday after a four-day jury trial held before Judge Ricardo Cordova in Department 8 of the Stanislaus County Superior Court. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

At about 3 a.m. on November 16, 2005, McFadden was driving her Chevy Avalanche down Claus Road in Modesto when she struck a pickup truck stopped at the red light at Briggsmore Avenue. The driver of the pickup, Catalino Sanchez Astorga, later died of complications from a broken neck. At the time of the collision, it was estimated that McFadden was traveling 74 miles per hour.

Originally charged with gross vehicular manslaughter, a felony, the jury convicted McFadden of the lesser misdemeanor charge of vehicular manslaughter.

Sentencing has been set for April 16, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8.

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