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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate 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 has been sentenced to misdemeanor probation, 90 days in jail and 250 hours of community service for the November 2005 traffic death of Catalino Astorga. 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 Chevrolet pickup driven by Catalino Sanchez Astorga. Astorga had been stopped at the red light at the intersection with Briggsmore Avenue. Traffic reconstruction showed McFadden was driving 74 miles per hour at the time of the collision. Astorga later died from his injuries received in the crash. Originally charged with felony vehicular manslaughter, McFadden was convicted by a jury in March 2007 of a lesser misdemeanor offense.

At sentencing, the Prosecution requested McFadden be sentenced to 8 months in jail. In a sentencing report, the Stanislaus County Probation Department recommended six months in jail and 500 hours community service. Rejecting both recommendations, Judge Ricardo Cordova sentenced McFadden to 90 days in jail and 250 hours of community service.

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