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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: May 6, 2009  
Re: Gerardo Lopez Alcala – Felony Drunk  
Driving Results in 4 Years Prison

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gerardo Lopez Alcala, age 37, of Modesto, was convicted of two instances of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), having a prior vehicular manslaughter conviction, and having a blood alcohol concentration of .15 percent or more, and admitted having a prior felony conviction that falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney Tracy Roland prosecuted the case for the People.

The counts arose out of two separate events. The first occurred on October 17, 2008, in an unincorporated area of Stanislaus County, when Alcala was involved in a single-car collision and was observed by a passing motorist fleeing his vehicle and running into a nearby orchard. A CHP officer later located Alcala inside the orchard and returned him to the scene of the collision where he admitted he was the driver of the car. A blood test taken over two hours later showed Alcala's blood alcohol level to be .17%.

The second count occurred on December 13, 2008 in an unincorporated area of Stanislaus County. Alcala, again, was involved in a single car collision when he lost control of his vehicle and collided with a fence. A passing motorist stopped to provide assistance and called 9-1-1. Alcala admitted to driving the vehicle and a breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of .15/.15.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Judge Whiteside sentenced Alcala to 4 years in state prison.

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