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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Vera Samantha Dominguez
Case # 1437816

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that Vera Samantha Dominguez, age 46, of Keyes, was found guilty of felony driving under the influence of alcohol and felony driving with an alcohol content of .08 or greater following a week-long jury trial that concluded on Monday, December 23. After the jury trial, the Honorable Thomas Zeff found true a prior conviction for felony gross negligence vehicular manslaughter with intoxication, a prior strike-conviction Dominguez suffered in 2003 for killing William Grice of Modesto.

On September 10, 2011 at approximately 9:00 p.m., Dominguez was driving her Nissan Altima with her brother as the passenger when her car spun off the road in Keyes and became stuck. California Highway Patrol Officer Aaron Norseen investigated the incident and found that Dominguez had been operating the car under the influence of alcohol. A breath test established Dominguez's alcohol-level to be .16 percent. On the way to jail, Dominguez told the officer, on video, "I take one little turnoff that was wrong and get stuck in the ditch and I'm token (sic) to jail, huh?"

The case returns to court on January 7th to schedule a sentencing date. Dominguez faces a maximum of six years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Tony Colacito prosecuted the case for the People. His position is funded through a grant by the Office of Traffic Safety.