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Re: People v. Lance Roderick Bonnington

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Lance Roderick Bonnington, age 48, of Patterson, California, was convicted on December 29, 2014 of misdemeanor hit and run as well as two felony charges of driving under the influence of alcohol which occurred on separate occasions. Mr. Bonnington has previously been convicted of felony driving under the influence of alcohol.

On February 22, 2013 Bonnington rear-ended a red Hyundai that was stopped at a stop sign in Patterson. Bonnington drove around the red Hyundai and that driver followed him. Bonnington was eastbound on Mackilhaffy Drive when he failed to negotiate a turn and collided with the front of a house. Law enforcement arrived, conducted a DUI investigation, and placed Bonnington under arrest. Bonnington submitted to a breath test that indicated a blood alcohol level of .26/.25, over three times the legal limit.

On March 16, 2013, Bonnington was identified by a citizen who reported a suspected DUI driver. Law enforcement located Bonnington, conducted a DUI investigation, and placed Bonnington under arrest. Bonnington submitted to a breath test which, again, resulted in a blood alcohol content of .26/.25.

Upon entry of the no contest pleas, the Honorable Linda McFadden sentenced Mr. Bonnington to three years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Darnell prosecuted the case for the People. His position is funded by a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Safety Administration.

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