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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Craig Kyle Nelson, age 32, of Modesto was sentenced on January 22, 2015 by Judge Linda McFadden to seven years in state prison for driving under the influence of alcohol having a prior conviction for gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 13, 2014, Nelson was stopped on South 9th Street in his vehicle. An investigation revealed that Nelson was driving with a .14% blood alcohol level. At that time, he was on parole for gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated for the September 30, 2008 killing of Modestan Michael Richey.

Judge McFadden, who also handled the prior case, told Nelson that she had hoped he would get his life together. "You had the chance to better yourself, and you did not," McFadden said, before giving Nelson the maximum allowable sentence. "You are a danger to society."

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