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Re: People v. Hijinio Cortez

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Hijinio Cortez, age 44, of Modesto, was convicted on February 10, 2015 of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol causing Injury. Deputy District Attorney Scott Uemura 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 Traffic Safety Administration”.

On September 17, 2014, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Cortez was driving a vehicle on SR-132 just past Spencer Avenue when he swerved across the solid double yellow lines and hit a vehicle in the oncoming traffic. Two individuals in that vehicle were injured. It was determined that Cortez's blood-alcohol level was .28%. Cortez had a previous conviction of driving under the influence in 2007.

Judge Nancy Ashley sentenced Hijinio to 16 months in prison.

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